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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-89179)

DATE: 7/7/59

FROM : SA EDWARD G. ASTFALK (421)

SUBJECT :

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Identity of Source:

[redacted] who has furnished
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Description of info:

Report of conversation between
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Date Received:

6/22/59

Received by:

SA EDWARD G. ASTFALK (written)

Original located:

A copy of informant's report follows:

1-New York [redacted] (Inv.) (421)
1-New York (100-18056) (JACOB MINDEL) (421)
1-New York (100-136709) [redacted] (421)
1-New York (100-269) (HENRY WINSTON) (415)
1-New York (100-118525) (BCIC) (41)
1-New York (100-135170) [redacted] (41)
1-New York (100-4931) (CP, USA,) (415)
1-New York (100-115212) (REBECCA GUERWITZ) (421)
1-New York (100-84275) (WM. PATTERSON) (415)
1-New York (97-169) (THE WORKER) (415)
1-New York (100-105059) (REV. ELDER HAWKINS) (421)
1-New York (100-89179) [redacted] (421)

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Report of a conversation between [redacted] and [redacted]
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[redacted] that she was leaving for Pittsburgh, Pa. on Wednesday morning, June 17, 1959 by bus and remain there with a friend or a relative for a couple of days. From there, she will go on to Chicago to stay with her son for about three weeks.

She told [redacted] that she will expect him to handle the "Amnesty Campaign" for HENRY WINSTON. This, she said, will be his complete responsibility. She gave him the names of people to contact in connection with getting their signatures affixed to a petition for Executive Clemency for HENRY WINSTON. If [redacted] got ten signatures, she said, she would be happy. She told [redacted] to call on any member of a sub-committee of the Bronx Committee for Civil Liberties (BCLC) to go with him when the appeal for a signature on the Executive Clemency petition is made. Most of all, she said, call [redacted] because she didn't want [redacted] to become offended if he wasn't called, even if he could make it because he was busy.

[redacted] on how to make the appeal for signatures. She told him to mention that the BCLC is only seeking to secure justice in the WINSTON case; uphold the Constitution; reuniting a family; upholding the Supreme Court decisions in recent Smith Act cases. She also told [redacted] to ask these people if they have other professional individuals whom the BCLC can contact in order to get their signatures on the petition for Executive Clemency.

[redacted] that [redacted] will take care of "party" business. By "party" business, [redacted] meant Communist Party (CP) activities of their CP club.

[redacted] stated that she had prepared 3 separate envelopes that included petitions for Executive Clemency for HENRY WINSTON. She said that she gave one to REBECCA GUREWITZ, one to "TOP"

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MINDEL and REBECCA in a few days in order to find out how they were coming along.

Included in the envelopes were copies of a statement by Rev. ELDER G. HAWKINS indicating why he had signed the petition for Executive Clemency and data on the HENRY WINSTON case. [redacted] that WILLIAM PATTERSON, editor of the Worker, had gotten the Rev. ELDER G. HAWKINS to sign. She said that WILLIAM PATTERSON is a friend of the Rev. HAWKINS.

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Where the appeal is made to a reverend, she said, it is most important to show Rev. HAWKINS' statement to the reverend. [redacted] felt that once a reverend sees Rev. HAWKINS' signature, he will sign.

[redacted] a Chicago address so that he could write her. It is as follows:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-2398)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 7/7/59

CG 5824-S*, on June 29, 1959, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING, for photostating, six documents pertaining to a Communist Party trial held in the Northern California District. CG 5824-S* advised that he understood that MICKEY LIMA, Chairman.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 6) (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-3-104) (CP-USA, Counter-Intelligence Program)
- 3 - New York (Encls. 6) (REGISTERED) *encls destroyed*
(1 - 100-4931) (Communist Party - USA)
(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
(1 - 100-81495) (HARRY HAYWOOD)
- 9 - San Francisco (Encls. 6) (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-) (Communist Party - USA)
(1 - 100-) (CP-USA, Northern California District, Counter-Intelligence Program)
(1 - 100-27791) (CP-USA, Northern California District, Factionalism)
(1 - 100-25426) (VERN BAUM)
(1 - 100-) (LEE COE)
(1 - 100-42525) (MORRIS GRANAT)
(1 - 100-26076) (AL LANNON)
(1 - 65-1242) (MICKEY LIMA)
(1 - 100-) (RUSSELL L. LINTON)
- 10 - Chicago
(1 - A/134-46)
(1 - 100-32864) (CP-USA, Counter-Intelligence Program)
(1 - 100-18963) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Factionalism)
(1 - 100-24729) (EMANUEL BLUM)
(1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
(1 - 100-14652) (JAMES KELLER)
(1 - 100-2748) (SAM KUSHNER)
(1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
(1 - 100-20289) (JAMES WEST)

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of the Northern California District of the Communist Party - USA, had given copies of these documents to PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA. BART, in turn, gave these documents to MORRIS CHILDS. BART stated that the trial pertained to charges of factionalism involving AL LANNON, and that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Communist Party of Illinois, should be given the opportunity to review the documents in regard to charges of factionalism against JAMES KELLER in the Illinois District. CG 5824-S* stated that in his opinion the National Committee would not take any action on these documents on the theory that the accused had not exhausted all remedies in Northern California District.

One document is a handwritten letter, which is dated June 7, 1959, is addressed "To The National Committee", and is signed "Comradely yours, M." The following is the complete text of this handwritten letter:

"I have presented a number of documents to Comrade Mickey Lima our rep. to the N.C. which he assured me would be presented to you. (He is leaving the West coast on June 8, 1959.

"They are relative to charges, trial committee & factional situation in N. Calif.

"They include

- "1. Covering letter - appealing to you for ruling on trial procedure established - that precludes any possibility for defense.
- "2. Facts substantiating appeal & background of developments of recent period.
- "3. Documents issued by Board to comrades against whom charges were filed.
- "4. Minutes of trial.
- "5. Document submitted by 2 comrades who were my advisors at trial who are concerned with the situation in the Party - the paralysis & splintering of the Party."

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One photostat copy of the handwritten letter and the five enclosures described therein are enclosed herewith to the Bureau, New York and San Francisco Offices. The Chicago copies are located in Chicago file 100-2398-1B8.

CG 5824-S* advised that he did not know the identity of "M", who signed the handwritten letter. It is the opinion of the Chicago Division that the author of this letter is MORRIS GRANAT.

It is noted that HARRY HAYWOOD and JAMES KELLER are mentioned in the document with the caption "Events Preceding Trial Against Me That Have Direct Bearing on Case". In the same document, the statement "K and W from Chicago who were recently here" may refer to SAM KUSHNER and JAMES WEST, Vice Chairman and Executive Secretary of the Communist Party of Illinois.

In the document dated May 15, 1959, from the District Board addressed to "V.A., and M; copy to Trial Committee", it is believed that the comrades involved may be VERN BAUM, AL LANNON and MO GRANAT.

It is noted that the document presented by "two comrades who were my advisors at trial" is signed "LEE COE and 'RUSSELL L. LINTON'". In the document which contains the penciled notes taken at the trial on May 24, 1959, it is noted that the accused asked that SAM KUSHNER, KELLER and HARRY HAYWOOD be called as his witnesses. In this document, it also states that MANNY BLUM, Chairman of Indiana, has split with KELLER.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report Exhibit Date(s) of activity Current	
Brief description of activity or material 1. Draft Political Resolution for the 17th National Convention, CPUSA, addressed to members of NEC; (2) 2 copies of Draft of		File where original is located if not attached 100-4931-1A752; 1A751	
Remarks: Pre-Convention Resolution on the Negro Question in the United States			

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4013) (413)

SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
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DATE: 7/15/59

- 2 - Bureau (100-16) (RM)
- 6 - Boston (100-442) (SWP) (Info) (RM)
- (1 - 100-7697) (LARRY TRAINOR)
 - (1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-) (LENNIE GOODMAN)
 - (1 - 100-) (AUGUSTA TRAINER)
 - (1 - 100-) (JIM CHRISTIANSON)
- 7 - Cleveland (100-1012) (SWP) (Info) (RM)
- (1 - 100-23424) (DUNCAN FUGUSON)
 - (1 - 100-) (JACK GOLD)
 - (1 - 100-20144) (AUDA ROMINE)
 - (1 - 100-19987) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-16921) (HERMAN KIRSCH)
 - (1 - 100-) (Committee to Combat Racial Injustice)
- 9 - Chicago (100-645) (SWP) (Info) (RM)
- (1 - 100-18038) (HOWARD MAYHEW)
 - (1 - 100-22840) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-33421) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-22487) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-20372) (REV. J. KING)
 - (1 - 100-28158) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-24039) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-) (CAROL DE BERRY)
- 2 - Denver (100-2650) (SWP) (Info) (RM)
- (1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
- 10 - Detroit (100-1334) (SWP) (Info) (RM)
- (1 - 100-22546) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-19558) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-) (HARRIET TALAN)
 - (1 - 100-26428) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-17163) (ART FOX)
 - (1 - 100-22667) (ED SHAW)
 - (1 - 100-20831) (FRANK LOVELL)
 - (1 - 100-21062) (DOROTHY BREITMAN)
 - (1 - 100-23622) (GEORGE BREITMAN)

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(1 - 100-49365) [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-23431) (HENRY SNIPPER)
(1 - 100-) (THEODORE EDMUND)
(1 - 100-) (ELEANOR BRODIE)
(1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-43269) [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-48285) (WILLIAM WARD)
(1 - 100-29463) [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-49851) [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-) (ROSE KARSNER)
(1 - 100-23847) (JAMES P. CANNON)
(1 - 100-) (FRANK GLASS)
(1 - 100-31033) (MILTON GENECEIN)

3 - Milwaukee (100-) (SWP)(Info)(RM)

(1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-) (JAMES BOULTON)

9 - Minneapolis (100-1246)(SWP)(Info)(RM)

(1 - 100-932) (VINCE DUNNE)
(1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-11217) (TOM LEONARD)
(1 - 100-4359) (WINNIE CHELSTROM)
(1 - 100-) (PAUL LNU, at SWP Convention)
(1 - 100-1894) (DOROTHY SCHULTZ)
(1 - 100-1078) (HENRY SCHULTZ)

7 - Newark (100-1984)(SWP)(Info)(RM)

(1 - 100-33246) (CARL SKOGLUND) 1 - 100- } (FRED HALSTEAD)
(1 - 100-33270) (JAMES KUTCHER) 1 - 100- } [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-) (JOHN LNU, at SWP Convention)
(1 - 100-31559) (MAX GELDMAN)

12- Philadelphia (100-2036)(SWP)(Info)(RM)

(1 - 100-41152) (DAVE WEISS)
(1 - 100-41151) (ETHEL WEISS)
(1 - 100-42439) (ART FELBERBAUM)
(1 - 100-43652) [REDACTED]
(1 - 100-43651) (MERYL SUNSHINE)

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- (1 - 100-42469) (ELOISE FICKLAND)
- (1 - 100-35008) (PEARL CHERTOV)
- (1 - 100-) (EVA CHERTOV)
- (1 - 100-32138) (PAULINE LEWIN)
- (1 - 100-32119) (JUNE CAREY)
- (1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
- 3 - Pittsburgh (100-662) (SWP)(Info)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-9053) (RUTH QUERIO)
 - (1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
- 7 - San Francisco (100-380) (SWP)(Info)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-26202) (ASHER HARER)
 - (1 - 100-38641) (JOAN JORDAN)
 - (1 - 100-17917) (ART SHARON)
 - (1 - 100-29919) (JIM ROBERTSON)
 - (1 - 100-) (U.S.A. Group)
 - (1 - 100-) (SLATE Group)
- 5 - Seattle (100-3864) (SWP)(Info)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-1634) (MELBA WINDOFFER)
 - (1 - 100-17546) (DICK FRASER)
 - (1 - 100-18426) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-) (Seattle Improvement Association)
- 2 - St. Louis (100-5236) (SWP)(Info)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (OSCAR CLENIN)

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1 - NY 100-85327 [REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-51791 (ARTHUR BURCH) (413)
1 - NY 100-69167 (ANNE CHESTER) (413)
1 - NY 100-26400 (ROBERT CHESTER) (413)
1 - NY 100-115760 (ROBERT DESVERNEY) (413)
1 - NY 100-7388 (FARRELL DOBBS) (413)
1 - NY 100-93932 (MARVEL DOBBS) (413)
1 - NY 100-112158 [REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-131513 [REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-129862 [REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-133468 [REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-130179 [REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-135101 (VINCENT GARCIA) (413)
1 - NY 100-84574 [REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-115229 [REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-131823 [REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-133074 (ROSEMARY GORDON) (413)

1 - NY 100-85199 [REDACTED] (3)
1 - NY 100-108157 [REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-69369 (JOSEPH HANSEN) (413)
1 - NY 100-50738 (REBA HANSEN) (413)
1 - NY 100-108285 (FRANCES JAMES) (413)
1 - NY 100-134977 [REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-132959 (JOHN HODSON) (413)
1 - NY 100-129353 (LILLIAN KEIZEL) (413)
1 - NY 100-94358 (JOHN KEELEY) (413)
1 - NY 100-74551 (KAROLYN KERRY) (413)
1 - NY 100-59096 (TOM KERRY) (413)
1 - NY 100-133155 (ARTHUR KNUTSON) (413)
1 - NY 100-130702 [REDACTED] (413)
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1 - NY 100-101850	(JAMES "NICK" NICKLAS) (413)
1 - NY 100-134328	(PHIL OKE) (413)
1 - NY 100-126921	(HAYDEN PERRY) (413)
1 - NY 100-126922	(ESTHER PERRY) (413)
1 - NY 100-104091	(RAYMOND PLEMMONS) (413)
1 - NY 100-59481	(ARTHUR PREIS) (413)
1 - NY 100-119289	[REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-80679	(HARRY RING) (413)
1 - NY 100-118388	[REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-61363	(DAN ROBERTS) (413)
1 - NY 100-130558	[REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-103639	[REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-59476	(MORRIS STEIN) (413)
1 - NY 100-122237	[REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-98816	(BERT WAINER) (413)
1 - NY 100-88074	(CONSTANCE WEISSMAN) (413)
1 - NY 100-84588	(GEORGE WEISSMAN) (413)
1 - NY 100-93735	[REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-93935	[REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-60264	(MURRY WEISS) (413)
1 - NY 100-79299	(MYRA WEISS) (413)
1 - NY 100-128164	[REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-127167	[REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-90099	(HOWARD ZUCKER) (413)
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1 - NY 100-99495	(STEVE ZELUCK) (413)
1 - NY 100-122864	[REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-138093	(PETER RIES) (413)
1 - NY 100-137138	[REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-0	(CAROL WAYNE) (413)
1 - NY 100-116594	[REDACTED] (413)
1 - NY 100-84414	(HENRY SPIRA) (413)
1 - NY 100-137594	(CARY REINSTEIN) (413)
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Description of info SWP National Convention, 6/26-
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Washington, N.J.

Date received 7/9/59

Received by SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR. (written)

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1 - NY 100-137485 [redacted] (413)
1 - NY 100-132776 [redacted] (413)
1 - NY 100-87079 (HAROLD ROBINS) (413)
1 - NY 100-82193 [redacted] (424)
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1 - NY 100-4931 (CP, USA,) (415)
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1 - NY 100-133479 (Young Socialist Alliance) (413)
1 - NY 100-137309 (Workers World Party) (413)
1 - NY 100-117355 [redacted] (413)
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Report Written July 3, 1959
Convention of Socialist Workers Party
Friday, June 26 to June 28, 1959

Mountain Spring Camp
Washington, N.J.

There were approximately 235 persons present at the camp, including 59 delegates, 23 alternates and the remainder were visitors almost all of whom were members of the SWP. Among those present were:

JAMES BOLTON-Milw.	RUTH CURIO-Pittsburg	[redacted]-Det.
[redacted]-Milw.	[redacted]-Seattle	[redacted]-L.A.
[redacted]-Detroit	THEODORE EDMUND-L.A.	PEARL-Phil.
[redacted]-I.A.	[redacted]-Chi.	LEONA-Pitts.
[redacted]-Det.	[redacted]	OSCAR-St. Louis
[redacted]-Detroit	CARL SKOGLUND	[redacted]-LA.
DAVE WEISS-Phil.	JAMES KUTSCHER	TOM LEONARD-Minn.
ETHEL WEISS-Phil.	Rev. J. KING-CHI.(visitor)	[redacted]-Det.
HOWARD MAYHEW-Chi.	CAROL WAYNE	WINNIE-Minn.
[redacted]-Chi.(PH)	ELEANOR BRODIE-L.A.	PAUL-Minn.
LARRY TRAINER-Boston	[redacted]-Phil.	[redacted]-Phil.
DICK FRAZER-Seattle	MERYL - Phil.	PAULINE - Phil..
VINCE DUNNE-Minn.	JOHN-Newark	
[redacted]-Chi.	[redacted]-Twin Cities	JUNE CAREY-Phil.
WILLIAM WARD-L.A.	ARDA-Cleveland	[redacted]-Toronto
[redacted]-Minn.	ASHER-San Fran.	ERNIE-Toronto
HENRY SNIPPER-L.A.	ELOISE-Phil.	MELBA-Seattle
DUNCAN-Cleveland	CAROL--(sister of [redacted])	ART SHARON
		San.Fran.
FARRELL DOBBS	Mrs. F. DOBBS	JAMES P. CANNON
JOE HANSEN	TOM KERRY	DAN ROBERTS
MURRY WEISS	BOB CHESTER	HAYDEN PERRY
ESTHER PERRY	MORRIS STEIN	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
GEORGE WEISSMAN	CONNIE WEISSMAN	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	SYLVIA STEIN
[redacted]	[redacted]	HARRY RING
[redacted]	MURRAY ZUCKOFF	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
LILLIAN KIEZEL	HENRY GITANO	

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	BOB DESVERNEY	b6
VINCE GARCIA	PAUL MONTAUK	[REDACTED]	b7C
JOHN HODSON	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
ART - Phil.	[REDACTED] Phil.	[REDACTED]	
ROSE MARY GORDON	FRANCES JAMES	[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	CARY	[REDACTED]	
FRED HALSTEAD	[REDACTED]	AUGUSTA - Boston	
[REDACTED] Denver	[REDACTED]	MYRA WEISS	
JOHN ADAMS	WHITEY KNUTSEN	[REDACTED] Chicago (Negro)	
ANN CHESTER	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	NICK JAMES	PHIL OKE	
PETER - N.Y.	DAVE MILLER-N.Y.	[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (visitor)	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] (visitor)	
LENNIE-Boston	JACK ARNOLD	HAROLD ROBBINS	
[REDACTED]	ANN MANN	JOHN KEELY	
RAY PLEMMENS	CAROLYN KERRY	HOWARD ZUCKER	
[REDACTED] Chi.	[REDACTED] - Boston - visitor	[REDACTED]	
	[REDACTED] LARRY, [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	

Included among the count of those present were a number of the children of the delegates, alternates, members and visitors and in some cases wives who are not party members.

The convention opened with a youth report given by [REDACTED]. He reported on the activities, plans and perspectives of the youth organization throughout the country.

The afternoon session was taken up with the presentation, discussion and voting of the Draft Resolution. The resolution which was finally presented contained some revisions. It differed from the original resolution mainly in that it clearly stated that regroupment as the main orientation of the party was now just about dead and all that could be gotten out of regroupment was gotten and that the party was not looking to the 1960 campaign with any great hope of taking the leadership in a

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united socialist campaign. It still favors such an objective but the outlook for such a development was not good. Unless there is a radical change in the atmosphere, the party does not intend to take the leadership of such an undertaking. The resolution passed, 57 to 3. The three nay votes were cast by MURRAY ZUCKOFF, JAMES BOLTON and [REDACTED]

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The evening session was taken up with a trade union panel in which members from the various cities reported on their work in the unions and among the unemployed.

Also in the evening the delegations met to select persons to serve on the Nominations Commission.

The second day of the convention opened with a general discussion of the party position on the Chinese Communes. It had been agreed previously that the party would not present a definite resolution on the Communes. The convention program merely called for the presentation of a general line and for discussion.

DAN ROBERTS spoke for the party leadership and came out critical support of the Communes.

He said that the communes were a great and necessary advance and that there was no other way to bring about rapid industrialization. He said there was a need for the agricultural surplus for industry and great irrigation projects. He said the old forms of production in agriculture must be made serviceable before new methods could be introduced. He said the "forced march" communes must be kept but purged of the bureaucrats. He said that the P.C. believes that the communes have the support of the peasants. But the problem is that the only way the revolution can succeed in China, is that there must be a secure and strong alliance between the peasants and the working class. The fact of peasant acceptance is the final question to be solved in regard to the communes. Reports from Hong Kong and elsewhere is that the peasants are being driven too hard. If this is so and evidence seems to indicate that it is, then the peasant alliance with the working class is undermining the worker's state and endangering the Chinese revolution.

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He reiterated that support of the communes as a necessary step forward in the industrialization does not mean support of the Mao bureaucracy which is a privileged caste similar to the Stalinist bureaucracy and the Soviet Union. This caste is committed to socialism in one country and collides with the peasants.

[redacted] gave the minority position which has been presented in internal bulletins by the members of the LA branch. He described the communes as a great leap forward in which ownership has been taken from the peasants and been transformed into socialist ownership, women have been liberated and a gigantic speed-up in the accumulation of capital for the economic base of socialism has been brought. He said there was no evidence of coercion on the part of the government. He called it the highest stage of the process of the permanent revolution and said that the Chinese C.P. deserves no credit for it because they were forced to give in to the natural revolutionary process involved. He said that the communes will proletarianize the peasants thus making a stronger foundation for working class rule.

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MYRA WEISS spoke against [redacted] and the L.A. comrades who so glowingly praised the communes. She said that they were confusing the Chinese revolution which was pushed by the peasants against the wishes of the bureaucrats and the Kremlin with the communes. She said the great danger was that the peasants in being driven too hard might turn against the revolution.

MORRIS STEIN also attacked the praise of Comrade [redacted] of the communes. He said that the communes were undemocratic. He said that the judicial form of the communes was democratic and praiseworthy but that the essence of them was quite different. He asked [redacted] to make an analysis based on the facts.

BOB CHESTER said that the communes were the beginnings of the possibility of undermining the bureaucracy. He said the

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approach should be to defend the communes against the attacks of the imperialists and then to push the advance of the communes against the bureaucracy. He stressed that the most important thing which the whole party agrees on, is that of support for the communes. He hinted that the L.A. comrades in their enthusiasm for the communes were coming perilously close to support of the Chinese bureaucracy.

[redacted] pointed out that the communes represent a real threat to the capitalists who fear the growth of the communes in the socialist countries which is the reason for their furious attacks. He said that they fear the commune system may spread to all of the socialist countries and even to the backward countries of the world and hence a terrible threat to world capitalism. He called the communes a great triumph for the permanent revolution.

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LARRY TRAINER praised the communes and said that the proof that they are not forced is shown in that the peasants are given guns and other armaments.

MURRY WEISS spoke for the original majority opinion as expressed by DAN ROBERTS in his presentation.

In the afternoon session of the second day JAMES P. CANNON gave the major speech which was to be a session on the world movement. CANNON reviewed the whole Marxist movement beginning with the Communist Manifesto in 1848 and the founding of the first international working class movement. He highlighted the outstanding events such as the founding of the first International in 1865 by MARX and ENGEL and the second International in 1889 which consisted of workers in unions and other European trade union organizations, the collapse of the Second International in 1914 and the founding of the Third International by LENIN and TROTSKY consisting of the left wing socialists. In the Third International from 1919 to 1924 LENIN and TROTSKY were dominant. From 1924 to 1927 STALIN and ZINOVIEV through over-centralization disrupted the work-class organization. In 1927 STALIN became dominant and TROTSKY sought to reform the comintern. In 1933 TROTSKY founded the Fourth

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International because of the betrayal of the Third. In 1938 was the founding of the Trotskyist party at an international conference, technically Mexico for the records but actually in Paris. He said that the international ties of the party were maintained by the maritime cadres who communicated with the comrades in the various countries and gave them financial and moral support.

CANNON took time to praise the maritime cadres for their great support given to the World Congresses of the Fourth International. He then stressed that the history of this party has been a complete and unqualified support of the Soviet Union throughout the whole pre-war, war and post-war period.

He then went on to describe some of the splits that started in the French movement, the Pabloites. The result of this split is that there are four movements in France each calling themselves Trotskyists. In Ceylon the party has split and taken a pro-Pabloite stand but has not broken completely with the world movement. In England the Pabloite group was headed by LAWRENCE who has now joined the C.P. after being an undercover agent for the C.P. for years. In the U.S. the Pabloites supported the Cochranites and helped bring about the Cochran-Clark split.

In 1956 the Pabloites turned against the Stalinists after the revelations of Khrushchev and the Hungarian revolution. They then sought through the regroupment arena some basis for unity with the Trotskyist movement. The SWP also moved toward re-unity but all attempts were frustrated as they were not genuine.

In Britain the party has grown to 500 since the start of regroupment when it had only 100. He said that the present tactic of the party is that of "entry", entry into the British Labor Party. The Pabloites in Britain have joined rightist elements in all-out attacks on the tactic of "entry". He stressed that the SWP fully approves of the policy of the British comrades in their entry tactic so long as it is not "deep entry" but that of entry and fight. He affirmed that this was the case in regard to the SLL (British Trotskyist Party).

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He pointed out that the SWP does not hold a grudge against the Pabloites despite the tactics of the British Pabloites in the entry affair and demonstrated this by speaking of the sending of greetings from the SWP convention to the Ceylonese party despite this party being tied to the Pabloite secretariat (while being sympathetic to the SWP).

He concluded his talk with warm praise for the loyalty and the principled character of the SWP.

JOAN JORDAN of Calif. gave a report on the constitution and said that no changes were proposed for this convention to act upon.

TOM KERRY reported on Labor Panel of the previous evening. He told of how greatly impressed he was at the reports of the struggles of the comrades all over the country in their trade unions and in labor political struggles in which SWP comrades played such great roles.

He spoke of the anti-labor offensive of the McClellan committee and the attempts in Congress to strengthen the Taft-Hartly Law. He said that the attacks on the labor bureaucrats by employers and congressmen as well as trade unionists have compelled bureaucrats like Hoffa to turn to the workers for support in their own interests of course. This has led them to look for worker's gains and hence enhances their population with the workers.

He said that under these conditions there is definite need for some form of intervention by the party. He gave as example the report from Detroit where the comrades though small in numbers but with allies made gains and took leadership in the struggle to defeat the Right to Work laws in Seattle where they took the lead in the fight for the unemployed. This is the kind of intervention that is called for, not the adventuristic wild attack on the labor fakers.

He also defended the N.Y. Local from the charge that it did nothing in the N.Y. Hospital Strike. He traced the action

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of the Local in the strike. [redacted] a strike captain appealed for help and financial aid was extended by the Local but it was refused on the grounds that it was "Communist" money. TOM said that he then went to see the President of the striking union and offered \$25 and it was accepted on the condition that it not be published. He agreed to send pickets and the N.Y. comrades were urged to picket whenever they could.

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He reiterated that the time was not yet ripe for an all-out struggle against the labor bureaucrats.

A report was given on the Militant subs which cited the present sub list as 1450, double the amount since 1957 and the ISR has also doubled but the figures were not given.

In the evening the Negro Struggle panel was conducted and was chaired by GEORGE WEISSMAN.

[redacted] reported on his work in the Brooklyn NAACP Labor Committee. He went into the whole situation in the Brooklyn Labor Committee and described his role and those of the other comrades and the situation with the Stalinists and the struggle against the leadership of the NAACP in regard to integration, CCRI and civil rights struggles generally. He mentioned that he would be going to the NAACP convention in New York and the big question of ROBERT WILLIAMS will be coming up.

[redacted] from Seattle described the work of the Seattle Improvement Association which was started by SWP comrades in the course of the struggle against the Right to Work laws and the united socialist ticket campaign. It holds educational and studies socialism and allies itself with socialists, progressives and labor on integration and the negro struggle.

Comrade DEE described the work of the comrades in the NAACP in Chicago where there is a great struggle against the NAACP leadership in which the rank and file had to form an independent organization after being dissolved by the NAACP bureaucrats. The attempt to make this independent group the regular NAACP branch for Chicago failed after the NAACP ordered

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the group to dissolve and in the voting the regular NAACP won but only through dishonest means. Attempts to get delegates from the independent group to the NAACP convention failed also through dishonest means. He said the independents planned to go to New York and make their case before the convention.

Comrade ARDA from Cleveland spoke of the CCRI in Cleveland where she served on a local committee to set things up for WILLIAMS' tour. She said the party gained great influence in the negro community in this struggle.

Comrade ELEANOR BRODIE, a middle aged negro woman from Compton, Cal. spoke of the comrades' attempt to get a negro elected from the community to the City Council. The election was lost due to the decision of the P.C. to withdraw from the campaign. She spoke of her experiences in doing this kind of thing which she got in the days when she was in the C.P.

ASHER from San Fran. described the activities around the united socialist ticket and of the conference called after the ROBERTS campaign with the founding of the two organizations, the U.S.A. and the SLATE.

DICK FRAZER from Seattle also spoke of the Seattle Improvement Assn. which he described as a propaganda vehicle for socialist and revolutionary solutions to the problem of integration especially in the South. He said that one female minister in the movement (SIA) had already joined the party and would be coming up to Mountain Spring Camp within a week to attend some of the sessions of the encampment.

[redacted] of Denver announced that one of the comrades had been elected to attend the NAACP convention in New York from Denver.

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ELOISE, an elderly woman from Philadelphia reprimanded the party for not taking a stronger stand and enlisting more negros in the party.

[redacted] spoke of the negro struggle activities in Detroit around the CCRI, Kissing Case, set. She said that

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while no real progress had been made there has grown up a working periphery. She said the youth activities were centered around campus activities and was led by [redacted] who is attending college. \$1110 had been collected for the CCRI.

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Rev. KING spoke as a visitor and described his activities in the independent socialist campaign in Chicago, referring to his twenty years in the C.P.

The Sunday session opened with a report by GEORGE WEISSMAN on the negro struggle panel of the previous evening. On the basis of this he gave the party's activities in this field as being work in youth councils of the NAACP, CCRI, work in election campaigns, on referendums concerning integration in housing, election of negroes and progressives to office in City Councils, support for WILLIAMS in the NAACP on the issue of terror. In general he reported that there has been a great increase in the opportunities in the various branches in the negro struggle. Also he said that there was evidence of the development of a left wing within the NAACP nationally.

FARRELL DOBBS then gave the organizational report. In the way of recommendations he urged with the backing of the members of the N.C. the sending of minutes of the meetings of the executive branch meetings and membership meetings to the national office in addition to the reports which are usually sent on membership and finances.

He said that during the 16 month period just passed there have been 84 new members. 83 were dropped. Of the 83 dropped 35 were Marcyites and 48 include older members and those younger ones who were not able to be assimilated.

He said that there were 20 candidates among the youth who are on the point of being won to the party. This modest growth is outstanding in the face of the general decline of the radical movement.

He said that as of last March the San Diego branch has been reactivated. In Denver an embryonic branch is forming.

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In Conn. the branch fell apart but it is expected to be reactivated. In Baltimore a new branch is being re-created mainly through the activities of the youth.

He reported that Pioneer sales were climbing from 1956 to 1958. However since 1958 sales have declined. But overall sales are increasing and getting into new areas. There has been a rise in sales to libraries.

He said that foreign sales have jumped 150 percent. The best customer is Britain and the second best is Japan where there has been a big growth of the party among the youth.

He reported that there will more than likely be a literature caravan touring the country next Fall in an attempt to try in America what Comrade [] did in Canada with such great success.

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He said that there would be a national tour in the Fall in which a leading comrade will visit all the branches in order to help carry out the decisions of the convention, make reports and act as a sort of liaison to consolidate the branch work with the party center. This will help prepare the work of the next plenum in 1960.

He then gave the financial report which was very depressing. He broke down the budget as follows:

National Office - \$290 per month dues
835 Sustaining Fund
\$1125

Expenditure - 4280

36% - staff
32% - for the press deficit (cost of
Printing)
1655 Militant deficit per month
32% - aid to co-thinkers, headquarters,
rent, etc. traveling expenses,
medical expenses, office supplies.

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Party contributions to the youth - \$2000 annually

Total deficit annually- \$39,860. This is raised through the special fund campaigns.

He suggested that unless funds were forthcoming drastic cuts would have to be made. Among these were the reduction of the issues of the Militant to a bi-weekly on a three month period during the summer which would save 2000. Suspend publication of the YS for the entire summer, suspend publication of the ISR. Cut the staff.

To avoid these cuts, the various delegations met separately and made huge pledges to be raised by their branches in special funds. The total amount pledged during a maximum three month period came to 5252 dollars which included a pledge of 2000 dollars from JIMMY KUTSCHER who had just received money from the government.

At the final afternoon session which was presided over by TOM KERRY the report of the nominating commission was heard. After sitting from Saturday morning to Sunday morning at 5, they released a list 25 nominations to the National Committee to be elected by the delegates and 20 alternates. The regular full members for the N.C. were:

MIL ALVIN-LA.
JEAN BLAKE-Cleveland
[redacted]-Det.
ART BIRCH-N.Y.
BOB CHESTER-N.Y.
FARRELL DOBBS-N.Y.
[redacted]-N.Y.
[redacted] Calif.

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JOE HANSEN-N.Y.
TOM KERRY-N.Y.
FRANK L.
HOWARD MAYHEW-Chic.
[REDACTED]
DAN ROBERTS-N.Y.
DOROTHY SCHULTZ-St. Paul
HENRY SCHULTZ-St. Paul
ART SHARON-San Fran.

[REDACTED] L.A.
MYRA WEISS-N.Y.
LARRY TRAINER-Boston
WILLIAM WARD-LA.
MURRY WEISS-N.Y.
E. HARRIS-San Fran.
DICK FRAZIER-Seattle
[REDACTED] Minn.

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Of the 20 alternates 7 out of twenty, the last seven are new.

GEORGE LAVAN-N.Y.
MAX GELDMAN-Newark
HARRY RING-N.Y.
[REDACTED] N.Y.
ART FOX-Det.
ED SHAW-Det.
DOROTHY BRIGHTMAN-Det.
DAVE WEISS-Phil.
[REDACTED] CHI
[REDACTED] N.Y.
[REDACTED] N.Y.

[REDACTED] Seattle
[REDACTED] Cleveland
[REDACTED] N.Y.
[REDACTED] N.Y.
FRED HALSTEAD-N.Y.
TOM LEONARD-Minn.
TED EDWARDS-L.A.
EVELYN REED-LA.
[REDACTED] Chi.

The list of full regular nominees for the N.C. were accepted as reported out by the Nominations Commission so that no balloting was necessary. But the Milwaukee delegation attempted to add [REDACTED] name to the list of alternates and this necessitated a ballot for the alternates. [REDACTED] lost out and so the twenty were finally accepted. [REDACTED] made an appeal for CAROLYN KERRY but did not renominate her from the floor. MURRY WEISS made an appeal for [REDACTED] and JIM ROBERTSON but also did not renominate. TOM KERRY, after the balloting was over made an angry blast at the Nominating Commission for passing over [REDACTED] and charged them with being influenced by the fact that [REDACTED] had been for a time in opposition to the regroupment program. MURRY WEISS had

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appealed for [] and ROBERTSON on the basis that they had been leaders along with [] in leading the left wing split from the YSL.

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The nominations for control commission or committee were accepted. They were AUBREY of N.Y., ANN CHESTER, N.Y., DUNCAN, Cleveland and KASNER, L.A.

The convention closed at this point with the singing of the International.

The writer of this report was not present during the entire first day of the session of the convention and the account of the first day was told to him by persons who were in attendance.

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Any office receiving a copy of this letter is requested to advise the NYO in the event an identification is made of the individual referred to in the above report as CAROLINE WAYNE in order that appropriate dissemination may be made.

Los Angeles is requested to advise if individuals referred to as THEODORE EDMUND and TED EDWARDS in the above report are identical.

For the information of the Bureau, information contained in the above report pertaining to Canadian individuals and activities together with information pertaining to the activities of the Trotskyist movement in Britain will be dissemination separately by letterhead memoranda.

In regard to JAMES P. CANNON, identified by [] as being in attendance at the SWP Convention, it is noted that he was observed by SAS [] and [] in the neighborhood of SWP Headquarters, 116 University Place, NYC, on 6/21/59.

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July 27, 1953

SA ROBERT H. AMI

SPECIAL AGENT, U.S.A.
Kansas District
Kansas City Division
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On July 3, 1953, [redacted] furnished an oral report to Special Agent ROBERT H. AMI, which was subsequently reduced to writing and substantiated by interview on July 10, 1953. The original of this report is located in Kansas City file [redacted]

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This report is as follows:

On June 23, 1953, Eugene Johnson New Jersey Kansas.

"At that time Johnson stated he had been working at the Kansas City Star every night recently as a result of the newspaper strike. He stated there was a temporary situation.

"Johnson advised Johnson that he had paid a bill for the letter of 01.29 which he had found in the Communist Party Post Office Box in Kansas City, Kansas. Johnson told Johnson this was a duplicate bill and that it had already been paid.

"Johnson showed Johnson a letter he had received from the National Office of the Communist Party. This letter had return address of 28 W. 25th Street, New York, New York, and was dated June 22, 1953, and in an enclosure:

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'Dear Jimmy Pearson:

'Enclosed you will find receipts for \$15.00 for money order for the fund drive which we received this morning. On the behalf of all of us we want to thank you for your contributions to help us carry on our work. This is the third one we have received from you in a short period of time.

'May we ask that in the future the money order be made to an individual, either Phil Hart or Arnold Johnson - we are not permitted to keep a bank account by the Treasury Department and for that reason have a little difficulty in disposing of checks or money orders made out to the order of the Party.

/s/ 'M. Roberts
for the National Office"

Enclosed with this letter were three receipts as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Receipt Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4-23-33	1011	\$15.00
4-16-33	2003	\$10.00
6-22-33	2014	\$15.00

On each of these receipts the contributor was listed as Kansas City, Kansas.

Pearson stated that he still had a \$5.00 contribution recently received from Bill Fogarty in his possession. Johnson gave Pearson \$2.00 contribution that he had received from Jim Wright on June 23, 1933. Pearson indicated that the \$5.00 from Fogarty and the \$2.00 from Wright would be sent to the Worker Fund Drive in New York in the near future."

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-427226) DATE: 7/27/59

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2 - Chicago (100-34272) (YOUNG SOCIALIST COMMITTEE) (RM)

2 - Denver (1-100-) ()

2 - Denver (100-8136) (YSA - DENVER DIVISION) (RM)

2 - Detroit (1-100-) ()

2 - Detroit (100-27358) (DETROIT YOUNG SOCIALIST COMM.) (RM)

2 - Los Angeles (1-100-) ()

2 - Los Angeles (100-55119) (YOUNG SOCIALIST COMMITTEE) (RM)

3 - Milwaukee (1-100-43269) ()

3 - Milwaukee (100-13197) (YOUNG SOCIALIST CLUB) (RM)

3 - Minneapolis (1-100-7313) (SWP)

3 - Minneapolis (1-100-) ()

3 - Minneapolis (100-11435) (INDEPENDENT POLITICAL YOUTH) (RM)

3 - Minneapolis (1-100-) ()

1 - Newark (1-100-11217) (TOM LEONARD)

3 - Philadelphia (100-1984) (SWP) (RM)

3 - Philadelphia (100-43269) (YOUNG SOCIALIST CLUB OF PHILA.) (RM)

3 - Philadelphia (1-100-42439) (ART FELBERBAUM)

2 - San Francisco (1-100-43230) ()

2 - San Francisco (100-43450) (BAY AREA - YSA) (RM)

3 - Seattle (1-100-) (FNU LNU, M, fair, black hair, 180 lbs., about 21, at YS Youth Plenum, N. J., 6/29/59)

3 - Seattle (100-) (SEATTLE YOUNG SOCIALIST GROUP) (RM)

3 - Seattle (1-100-3864) (SWP)

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Young Socialist Youth Plenum

Monday, June 29, 1959

Mountain Spring Camp, Washington, N. J.

There were approximately 35 persons present including delegates, members of the youth clubs and visitors. Among those present were:

BOB KAUFMAN-Baltimore

[redacted] Chi.

ART-Phil

[redacted]-Phil.

[redacted]

VINCE GARCIA

[redacted]

[redacted]-Denver

TOM LEONARD-Twin Cities

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JACK ARNOLD

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The morning session was chaired by [redacted] from Philadelphia. It consisted of area reports. BOB KAUFMAN told of the activities of the club in Baltimore. There the Young Socialist Study Club consists of 19 or 11 persons who mainly study Marxist literature and pamphlets. They have set up a constitution for the club, have 5 YS supporters and have set up activities on the campus. They participated in the setting up of a youth march committee and sponsored TIM's tour. In general there is a decline in YS sales.

A tall six footer, fair, black hair, 180 lb. young man about 21 reported from the Bay area. He said that there were 2 clubs in the Bay area, in Berkely and in San Francisco in which money was collected for the YS and the fund drive. In Berkely there are 13 YS supporters and two of these are in the SWP. The San Fran. club is made up of mostly sympathizers and YS supporters. The Berkely club plans to set up a EUGENE V. Debs Club on the university next Fall. In both area there is practically no Stalinist competition but strong YPSL competition.

[redacted] reporting from Chicago, said that the youth club is broken into factions and every action is blocked resulting in an almost complete fall in YS sales. He said that there is still hope for building a big club in Chicago.

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[redacted] reported that in Denver there has just been formed a club from the left split in the YSL and TIMs tour. Since it has started there has been one new member making four in the area. The group hopes to get started on campus next Fall. Efforts are being made by this group at the same time to constitute a party branch. There are no adult party cadre in the area. He said that every member of the party has come from the youth work.

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[redacted] reported from Detroit that there are approximately 20 in the youth club with two YS supporters on the campus. YS sales are very good and the YS has influence on the Wayne campus. A recent attempt to bring socialism into the politics of the campus got 100 votes for the YS candidate for the Student Council. BOB is concentrating on High School youth and has succeeded in bringing about a slow transformation of the Rebel club into a serious club. She said the original numbers had declined due to parental coercion and the FBI scare but that a hard core of at least eight have remained.

Michigan state has a new socialist club (not YS) and it has agreed to accept YS bundles.

[redacted] reported that in L. A. a Young Socialist Committee of 4 or 5 youth around the YS, all SWP members with contacts on the UCLA campus and on some High School grounds has been active [redacted] was elected chairman of the Debs club at UCLA. There has been a fall-off in YS sales but next Fall should see more campus activities.

[redacted] reported that in Milwaukee Tims tour began the campus activity with contacts among the students in some of the campus clubs. Two students have been recruited to the party and they form the base of a possible club next Fall.

[redacted] reporting from New York gave a glowing account of the activities of the YSA in New York. He told of the acquisition of the new headquarters, the defeat and disappearance of the Marcyite youth, the activities in the Kiss case, the youth march to Washington, the struggle on the City College campus and of the opportunities there. He pointed out that the main danger in New York is the YPSL. He discounted the C.P. as being completely

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underground and incapable of action in the open. He said that sales of the paper have been very high and that a number of contacts have been made on campuses and that there will be at least two campus clubs in the Fall.

TOM LEONARD reporting for Twin Cities, said that the youth club there has four or five active party members who are planning a summer program of social and political activities and out of the whole club they hope to have six or seven persons on campus in the Fall.

DICK FRAZIER reported for the adults in Seattle in regard to the youth. He said that due to an over-extension during the IBM period most of the youth cadres were lost, so that now the only youth available is a group of of about 13 to 25 children of party members, C.P. Periphery and general radical background. These children range in age from 13 to 25. The SWP is setting up a study program in Marxism and Trotskyism for them and they will form the base of the youth movement in Seattle.

[redacted] reported from Philadelphia that the IBM club of 35 has dwindled down to 17 members. They have sponsored Right to Travel conference, work on the Kiss Case, youth march committee. They are pushing now a series of summer classes. The club is mostly teen ages.

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In the afternoon session which was chaired by [redacted] [redacted] spoke on tasks and perspectives and generally introduced the resolution on tasks and perspectives. He said the resolution basically is a propaganda one and proposes to concentrate on campus work where the YS has great influence. He proposed the main concentration on such universities as that of Penn., Wayne Univ. in Detroit, University of Wisconsin, University of Chicago, UCLA in Calif. and CCNY in New York. In New York the majority of the contacts from the YSA come from the campuses.

He said that the C.P. youth were no real obstacles in New York as yet although they are threatening to come up with a full organization in the Fall of 500 strong. The main threat to the growth of the youth organization is the YPSL which is stronger than the YS on many campuses. To meet this threat there must be a strong reaffirmation of the revolutionary character of

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the youth movement that the YS is building so that the youth can draw the distinction between revolutionary socialism and social democracy. The YS already has the reputation for being the left socialists in the country among the youth.

He called for a change in the course of the youth movement in that now is the time for an all-out attack against the YPSL and attempts to raid their members and win them to the YS youth movement. In regard to the United front actions, the idea is to take advantage of it whenever feasible but to attack the YPSL whenever they find that the YPSL will not go along with a united front on some issue. He wound up with a hard pep talk speech in urging the delegates to return to their areas and build up YS sales contact work to maintain the clubs of YS supporters in all areas.

In the discussion that followed [redacted] proposed the calling of a convention and in six months the complete emergence of a full-blown youth organization.

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MARTHA proposed that key students must be kept on campus until a strong club has been established even [redacted] it means that this student or group of students never seem to graduate and their student careers are unnaturally prolonged, it is necessary for the movement.

[redacted], TOM LEONARD and MARTHA supported [redacted] proposal for calling a convention in six months and coming out with a regular full youth movement.

BOB KAUFMAN however asked the embarrassing question of how many could say like him, that he was not in the SWP. There were at most three or four hands raised. Thus, he said his suspicions were confirmed. He said that he and a lot of others were afraid that the youth movement was almost entirely the SWP and he warned that coming out now with a full-blown organization would only confirm this fear. He asked for a postponement of such a move in the interest of making it a broader revolutionary youth movement.

He said that until the youth group was broader and not so much associated with the SWP that YS sales and student interest was bound to suffer.

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[redacted] suggested that the YS and the clubs themselves should formulate a position on the Draft as it is a point of great interest with youth and especially student youth.

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[redacted] spoke of the position of the youth movement nationally. He said that there were 133 supporters (members), 121 in US, and 12 in Canada. Of these 74 are active. He said that he thought there had been a very slight decline in actual members but there had been an increase in activists. He said that through the stages of IBM and broad groupings there has now emerged a revolutionary character which is the dominant character with propaganda work among students as the orientation. The YS clubs which have formed the supporter groups have almost all been affiliated with the young socialist clubs.

[redacted] said that the ties with the SWP that the young socialist clubs have are not organizational ties but that of collaboration. This he said must be stressed in the approach to students who question the point. He said that the time was passed for the YS supporter phase and that now was the time to orientate toward a full youth organization.

SIM gave the summary. He said that he was opposed to the motion to move toward a full organization right away. He said that he was concerned over BOB KAUFMAN's opposition and would hold back out of respect for him. He said the organization when formed will have SWP and non-SWP youth and will actually have more non-SWP.

He noted a lag in the consciousness of the YS and room for improvement of the paper. He called for more interest and articles on student politics such as the NSA and the Draft question. Nationally speaking he noted that the worst period for the youth movement were over. He said that the losses to the movement were mostly from those who were actually opponents and that steady but modest gains have been made. He spoke for passage of the Tasks and Perspectives motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

[redacted] read from the financial statements on the YS (enclosed). As of June 15 there are 580 active subs to the YS.

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[] urged the raising of supporter's dues from 50 cents to a dollar per month. He said that the average income per month from supporters was \$53. Her said there would be another 1200 dollar fund drive in the Fall. This was passed.

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A motion was made to coopt [] to the editorial board in the absence of DICK DE HAAN who will be in Europe. This passed. Its purpose was to give [] the necessary prestige for the tour he will make when he returns.

BOB KAUFMAN announced that there was a campaign afoot by the NAACP to do away with the youth councils that were formed for the annual march on Washington for Integration in the various cities. A motion was passed urging each of the clubs to act accordingly in their areas; such as letter writing campaigns, demonstrations and other pressure methods.

Reds Must Register, Court Rules

Supreme Court Appeal Slated

By United Press International
WASHINGTON, July 30—

The government won an important new round today in its nine-year-old fight to compel the Communist party in this country to operate in the bright glare of publicity as an agent of Moscow.

By a 2-1 vote, the United States Court of Appeals upheld a Subversive Activities Control Board ruling ordering the party to register its membership with the government, open its financial records for inspection, and label its literature as Communist propaganda.

The Appeals Court agreed with the board that the party is a subversive organization dominated by Moscow—the criteria for registration laid down by the 1950 internal security act.

Supreme Court Next

In New York, Eugene Dennis, national secretary of the party, said the decision would be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

"It is high time that the Supreme Court threw out the McCarran act, which already has done great damage to the liberties of all the American people," he said.

The court's opinion was written by Chief Judge E. Barrett Prettyman, with Judge John A. Danaher concurring. Judge David E. Bazelon, who dissented, urged that the case be

sent back to the board for a fourth round of hearings.

Judge Prettyman ruled that the party never has repudiated its foreign ties and, except for a period during World II, "has never differed from the program and policy of the Communist party abroad."

3 Separate Rulings

The board has ruled against the party on three separate occasions. In appealing the latest decision, the party concentrated on challenging specific items of testimony by hostile witnesses.

But Judge Prettyman said "by concentrating on segments of the evidence and expanding their importance by discussion, to the exclusion of all the rest of the evidence, the party seeks to have, we believe, there are no other significant features in the record." He added:

"But the facts beyond dispute are; there is a Communist party in Europe, based upon Marxism-Leninism, and in power in Soviet Russia; that our present petitioner was for years a member of the Communist International, and its separation from that organization was not accompanied by a repudiation either of objectives or of methods."

He said the American organization "is by its own choice named the Communist Party of the United States of America, a self-imposed description not to be ignored without reason."

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Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, NY, 7/20/59, reflects activity of CP, USA, for the quarterly period, 4/1/59, to 6/30/59. Details of such activity may be found in above report under the following:

- Organization
- Membership
- Funds
- Underground Operations
- Factionalism
- International Relations
- United Nations
- Political Activities
- Legislative Activities
- Domestic Administration Issues
- Strategy in Industry
- Negro Question
- Youth Matters
- National Groups
- Pamphlets and Publications
- Education
- Attempts of CP to Infiltrate
- Mass Organizations

No pertinent information concerning the following was developed for inclusion in above report:

- Security Measures
- Colonial Matters
- Women Matters
- Farmers Matters
- Cultural Activities
- Veterans Matters
- Religion

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) DATE: 7/30/59

FROM: SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA ORGANIZATION
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On 6/22/59, NY 1750-S* advised that PHILIP and CONNIE BART had discussed a number of items on that day at their apartment.

PHILIP mentioned to CONNIE that he had attended a meeting that evening on organization. He said BILL ALBERTSON had raised a number of questions at the meeting, all concerning the NY organization.

PHILIP said that the national office is going to put the NY CP on the agenda for the following day but that BEN DAVIS has been resenting it. He said he told DAVIS that they are not trying to check up on him or anyone else and that they are just asking for a review which they want on every district so they will have a picture of the whole national organization before the convention began. He said

1 - NY 100-56579 (PHILIP BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-129627 (BILL ALBERTSON) (416)
1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (416)
1 - NY 100-67670 (IDA POSNER) (416)
1 - NY 100-50094 (ESTHER CANTOR) (416)
1 - NY 100-26603 (CP-NY STATE) (416)
① - NY 100-4931 (CP, USA) (415)
1 - NY 100-80538 (CP - MEMBERSHIP) (415)
1 - NY 100-83473 (SI GERSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-47632 (FRANCES WILLIAMS) (415)
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DAVIS told him they did not need it and if they wanted it they could come to a NYS Board meeting. He said DAVIS has not yet committed himself so they do not know if they are going to do it. He said that GENE DENNIS has been asking him where all the reports are.

PHILIP continued saying that the reason they need all these reports is in order to avoid any surprises at the convention. He said he told DENNIS about his trouble with DAVIS on the NY report.

PHILIP said at this meeting this evening, a lot of items were brought up including some basic changes. He said suggestions were made about the question of Industrial, and cutting down on clubs and having the counties eliminate some sections. He said that on the way home IDA (POSNER) was with them. He said that she hollered at him all the way home and called him and the others a bunch of Bureaucrats who could never be seen to discuss problems with. He said he told her she did not know what she was talking about and asked her if she had ever tried to see him.

PHILIP continued saying that the biggest point was about the large Industrial Division. He said the big thing is that they want to break it down and send some of the sections back to the community. He said the whole thing is to be thoroughly discussed and he does not think ALBERTSON meant cutting it down in the way it sounded in his proposal.

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PHILIP said he himself would let ESTHER CANTOR continue with her needle trades. He said that what she wants is an attachment in Harlem to this thing. He said, according to IDA, the whole thing is ESTHER's idea. He said that there is no doubt that the whole thing is revolutionary and has some sound points. He said that the NY organization now has a registration of 1717 which excludes Nassau and a number of other places. He said probably by now they have over 1800 members and they should have about 2,000 by convention. He said there were quite a few people at the meeting including SI "GERSON".

CONNIE then commented that there are not too many people who know as much about organization as BILL ALBERTSON. PHILIP mentioned that there is a woman, who is a friend of ALBERTSON, who lets him use her car. He said that this woman had some type of a trust fund and the CP is attempting to be made beneficiary of it but they are having numerous difficulties and legal problems.

The latter reference is undoubtedly to FRANCES WILLIAMS.

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)
From: SAC, WFO (61-49)

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C I N A L

On 7/30/59, U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, in case number 11850, "Communist Party, United States of America, versus Subversive Activities Control Board" upheld the findings of the Subversive Activities Control Board that the American Communist Party is dominated by the Soviet Union, and as such must register its members and financial records with the Attorney General. The Court split 2-1 with Judge DAVID L. BAZELON holding that the case again should be remanded to the Subversive Activities Control Board for further proceedings. The majority opinion was written by Chief Judge E. BARRETT PRETTYMAN with the concurrence of Judge JOHN A. DANAHER.

One copy of the Court's opinion in this matter is being forwarded herewith to New York for information. Two copies of this opinion have been previously furnished the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-11765) DATE: 8/4/59

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MPLS CP INDUSTRIAL CLUB #2
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1 - 100-11765	CP INDUSTRIAL CLUB #2
1 - 100-11781	CP INDUSTRIAL CLUB #1
1 - 100-1878-F	CP FUNDS
1 - 100-1878-P	CP ORGANIZATION
1 - 100-11715	CP DULUTH-RANGE
1 - 100-11538	CP PINE COUNTY
1 - 100-6832	CP PROFESSIONAL GROUP
1 - 100-11713	ST. PAUL CP CLUB
1 - 100-11704	CP NORTHEAST CLUB
1 - 100-11777	CP MISCELLANEOUS CLUB
1 - 100-1878-00	CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
1 - 100-4342	THE WORKER
1 - 100-8380	FOPC
1 - 100-2517	WILPF
1 - 100-371	SAMUEL DAVIS
1 - [REDACTED]	
1 - 100-2892	JULIA LIEF
1 - 100-4294	WALTER LIEF
1 - 100-New	JERRY MC DONALD
1 - 100-5399	ELSIE MC DONALD
1 - 100-3267	CLAUDE MC DONALD
1 - 100-11085	GEORGE MORRIS
1 - 100-11802	EILEEN O'HEARY
1 - 100-88	ROSE RENAUD
1 - 100-11780	CP WOMENS CLUB
1 - 61-29	CLARENCE SHARP
1 - 100-4437	SIGRID SHARP
1 - 100-7918	ANN TAYLOR
1 - 100-6648	RALPH TAYLOR
1 - 100-1878 CC	CP EDUCATION
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PURPOSE:

To record information contained in a written report dated July 29, 1959, received in person from [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, by SA [redacted] on July 29, 1959. Informant's written report filed as [redacted]

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DETAILS:

Informant's report is set out verbatim.

"COMMUNIST PARTY 'INDUSTRIAL' CLUB MEETING

[redacted]

"Present at the meeting were [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] was chairman of the meeting.

"On the agenda for the evening:

"Financial Report on the Fund Goal

[redacted] gave the report on the figures available. He stated that CLARENCE SHARP was in New York attending the National Committee meeting which ended Sunday, July 26th. Report as follows:

"Goal:

\$1500.00 Fund goal set for Minn. by the Party in New York
500.00 Sustaining goal set by local committee for purpose of maintaining this area.
2400.00 Total expected goal for the Party, Sustaining Fund and miscellaneous expenses incurred.

"Collected:

\$2,000.00 plus has been raised in Minn. to date on this total goal.

\$207.00 raised by Industrial Club #1 with goal of \$200.00
368.00 raised by St. Paul, ROSE'S Club with a goal of \$300.00
50.00 raised by the Professional Club
35.00 raised by Womens Club with \$10.00 recently added
164.00 raised by Northeast Club
200.00 plus raised by the Miscellaneous Club.

\$750.00 total raised in the Mpls. Area

"Expenses:

\$ 60.00 expenses for literature for Bookshop
\$450.00 Party expenses in this area.

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[] stated that he believed an explanation of the financial report should be given in each club so that it can be discussed because this would aid in reaching our goals. In St. Paul the finances were discussed with a result that they were able to go over on their goal. [] suggested that all the financial secretaries have a meeting to discuss the Fund goal, as it stands the goal has fallen down in some areas. He recommended that our club should decide what we can do in the Fund Campaign which will be extended for the next five months. [] suggested that we set ourselves a goal, possibly at another meeting, that the executive committee of our club could get together and discuss this.

[] said that he was also present at the meeting tonight to introduce [] who wanted to attend the same club meetings with her husband whereas before, due to babysitting, they each attended different clubs. [] suggested that [] perhaps could be transferred to the Miscellaneous Club. After presenting these issues, [] left to see another party.

"Introduction of a New Member

[] was welcomed and accepted by vote as a member of our club.

"Steel Strike

[redacted] said a few words about the present steel strike and asked if anyone had any ideas about it. [redacted] said that there was a good editorial in the July 26th issue of the Worker, 'Monopoly Opens Its Offensive' which [redacted] read to the group. Before the meeting opened [redacted] recommended an article about the steel strike which was written in CEDRIC ADAMS' column. [redacted] stated that SYLVIA PORTER recently wrote an article which stated that other industries were giving wage increases. He said that it appears that the steel industry is trying to cut back on wages and other benefits like the 35 hour work week which labor is fighting for and thereby set the example for all other industries to follow suit. [redacted] disagreed with [redacted] interruption of PORTER'S article, stating that other industries are giving wage increases, she cited Hamm's Brewery in St. Paul where they took a 'strike vote' before they were allowed a 38¢ increase. [redacted] wrote an article on the steel strike which was published in the July 26th issue of the Worker.

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"Worker Picnic

[redacted] reported on the proceeds of the annual picnic.

\$245.00 taken in on the collection
67.00 of the collection was in pledges

\$200.00 was sent to the Worker
100.00 to GEORGE MORRIS for traveling expenses.

[redacted] stated that GEORGE MORRIS spoke in about three different places in Northern Minn. In Duluth about 50 tickets were sold and 20 people attended the meeting, which is a good turn out for Duluth. Some discussion was made on changing the date of the annual picnic and locating in another area.

"WORKER Subscription Goal

[] stated that 75 subscriptions were attained to date.

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40 subs. attained in Mpls, with a goal of 50
1 sub. attained in Cambridge with a goal of 2
5 subs. attained in Duluth
4 subs. attained in St. Paul with a goal of 7

[] commented that [] had brought in 10 subscriptions on this campaign. [] suggested that we set up a Social Security Fund for the pensioners like [] who could not afford the subscription. She said that this [] had taken the Worker since it first was published in 1924-26 but was now retired and felt it necessary to drop all subscriptions. A motion was adopted to finance a 6 months subscription for [] from our club funds. [] suggested we have a box available at our club meetings for refreshments served and use the proceeds for the Social Security Fund. The Fund was thereby adopted by the group.

"Peace

[] asked what our group could do on the Peace issue. [] said that the Party wants to know what can be done to become involved in and influence the Peace issue. She then said that the Womens International League and some Party People, or the Party People in the Womens International League were having a meeting to discuss what could be done on the Peace issue. This meeting will be at ROSE RENAUD'S home in St. Paul, Friday, July 31st. [] said that there were plans to have a representative from each local branch club attend the meeting in St. Paul. He said that he planned to attend and asked if [] or [] would also like to attend. [] said that she would let [] know and [] declined as she has cub scout meeting on Friday. There was some comment on the Public Peace Meeting on a street corner in New York. [] said that although the group were unable

to get a permit to have their meeting that they gathered on a street corner and a large number of policemen turned out which attracted a lot of people and made the meeting a success.

"In relation to the Peace issue, [redacted] said that she thought we should work on ending of the Draft Law. She said that nothing has been done on it for years. She said that a person can't enlist anymore without five recommendations to prove that they are not a subversive. [redacted] commented on her son [redacted] who is overseas in Okinawa. She said that he wrote home about the Jet plane that crashed into the schoolhouse killing 22 children and injuring 100. Her son wrote that it was a horrible scene and he could imagine what devastation there must be in wartime, that some people over here should witness something like that.

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[redacted] said that there was a case coming up in the Supreme Court in Nev. which we should begin working on. Someone commented that the case concerned some person and was a matter of direct membership. There was some comment on what groups could do to influence these issues, that actually it was the Party which had defeated McCarthyism.

"Educational

"The educational was given by [redacted] on a recently published book:

'The Colonial Era'
A History of the American People
by HERBERT APTHAKER
International Publishers Co., Inc.
1959

[redacted] said that the book dealt with APTHAKER'S explanation of the Marxist viewpoint on early colonialism in America. [redacted] gave a brief resume of the book beginning with the reasons of the English people for settling in a new land, i.e.,

the need for raw materials in England and other European Countries, money was available in these countries for investing, and the poverty prevalent in Europe. He commented on the use of slavery of the masses for the purposes of landowners in the colonies and the English lords in Great Britain. He specifically berated the justification with religious beliefs that these people used to condone capturing and murdering of negroes and indians. [redacted] pointed out parts in the book, page 20 which justify this with the reasoning that the earth is man's gift from God which is possessed and wrongfully usurped by wild beasts and unreasonable creatures or brutish savages... [redacted] continued that the colonists gradually broke away from the influence of the English rule, wars and uprisings and how many of the political leaders were quite young at the time of the Revolution.

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"The next club meeting is scheduled for [redacted] home, Aug. 31st. The topic for the educational will be on the Latin America article in the July issue of the World Marxist Review.

"The next Marxist Theory class will be held at [redacted] home on Aug. 13th., Thursday. 'World Without War' will be discussed.

"Dues

"Inasmuch as ELLEN DAVIS was not present due to illness, [redacted] collected dues.

\$.50	each was paid by	[redacted]
.50	paid by	[redacted]
	rate	
1.00	paid for 2 months by	[redacted]
	unemployed rate dues were also paid by	[redacted]

"It was noted that \$6.50 was cash on hand with a notation of \$22.00 recently added but actual cash was not included.

Miscellaneous

[] showed an article recently published in the Mpls. Star concerning his criticism of the manner in which FIDEL CASTRO was mocked by the Aqua Jesters in the recent Aquatennial Parade. With this article [] displayed an answer recently published, Aug. 27th issue, defending the position of the Aqua Jesters.

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[] displayed the literature and distributed 'Party Affairs', a publication of the Nat'l Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A. which [] stated was a recent flyer sent out."

ACTION:

File copies in designated files.

O & A file on [] to determine necessary dissemination of this information.

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DATE: 8/5/59

who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Class entitled "American Social-
ist currents" held on 7/21/59
at FSS, 80 E. 11th St., NYC

7/23/59

SA CHARLES MARTEL HALE (written)

A copy of informant's report follows:

1-New York [redacted] (Inv.) (422)
1-New York (100-128822) (CP, USA, NYD, EDUCATION) (416)
1-New York (100-137410) [redacted] (422)
1-New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
1-New York (100-) (JIM CANNON)
1-New York (100-7664) (JACK MC MANUS) (41)
1-New York (100-9224) (ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN) (425)
1-New York (100-17923) (JOHN GATES) (415)
1-New York (100-) (MAX SCHAFFMAN)
1-New York (100-) (JEWISH BUND)
1-New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (415)
1-New York (100-4931) (CP, USA) (415)
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The first session of "American Socialist Currents" met at 630-815 P.M., in room 226, at the Faculty of Social Science, 80 East 11 Street, New York City, on July 21, 1959.

There were seven present, four men and three women which included [REDACTED]

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Mr. ALBERTSON's introductory lecture was on the various socialist currents and the efforts at unification of these socialist currents in U.S.A. He spoke about the 20th Congress of U.S.S.R. and Stalin Rule, the Counter Revolution in Hungary and the defeat of the Counter Revolution. He spoke of the C.P. and the Left movement generally. Because of these crises many other forms of socialism, such as the Trotskyites, Socialist Party, etc., came to the conclusion that the Communist Party was dying and in a short time could be put out of existence, or be liquidated. The Socialist Party and Trotskyites were trying to decide how to deal blow to C.P.U.S.A. In 1956, the slogans "Stalin Revelations" and "Hungarian Revolution" were efforts to embarrass C.P. The force that unites one group of Socialists and separates the other is the attitude towards the Soviet Union. Anti-Soviet divides and unites.

Mr. ALBERTSON spoke of JIM CANNON (or CANTON), JACK MC MANUS, ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN, JOHN GATES, CHERNEY, MAX SCHAFFMAN, JEWISH BUND, who worked for liquidation of C.P. and consolidation of all socialist would be good for U.S.A.

Counter Revolution in Hungary, which had to be defeated, Happenings in U.S.A., Smith Act arrests, Mc Carthy, C.P.'s own mistakes-all worked towards collapse of C.P.

Socialist party made no advance, gained no members since loss of members. C.P. lost considerable in membership, influence, and labor movement and other sections like Negro Movement, but snapped out of it and regrowth started;- serious participation of members, new activities politically like

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BEN DAVIS' nomination, budget hearings, participation in Negro movement, juvenile recruitment, Castro visit, pulling out of crisis. C.P. is here to stay. Even people who have left C.P. are less critical of Soviet Union. C.P. line is correct working in Democratic party to lead people away from reactionaries-no hope for building new party as C.P. here. C.P. winning labor movement for socialist movement-working class and trade unions. Independent political action in labor movement supports Democratic Party, must be with labor. This is the party through which C.P. will work. Meany mouthpiece of State Department-offends capitalism, but may lose post in labor union.

Read Foster's "History of Three Internationals"-
Foster's "History of Communist Party in U.S.A."

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-132430)

DATE: 7/31/59

FROM : SA RICHARD V. BOLAN (42)

SUBJECT: CP,USA, NYD
INDUSTRIAL DIVISION
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Source
Reliability

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Who was in a position to
furnish reliable information

Date of Activity

6/24/59

Date Received

6/24/59

Description

Industrial Board Meeting
Room 10-G, Adelphi Hall
74 Fifth Ave., NYC

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The names in parenthesis are the opinion of the reporting Agent and should not be construed as a positive identification.

On 6/17/59, confidential source [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal),

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[redacted] Mr. DAVIDOW had reserved Room 10-G for Wednesday, 6/24/59, in the name of the "Writers Club".

MIKE DAVIDOW is the subject of New York file 100-56, and the Industrial Board CP, USA, NYD, Industrial Division has previously met at Adelphi Hall under the name of the "Writers Club".

The meeting was covered by NY 2636-S* who advised the following names were mentioned as attending this meeting: LOUIE (WEINSTOCK), MILTON (ROSEN), AARON (WOOL), MIKE (CRENOVICH), BOB (KATZ), BILL (RIGG), JACK (LNU), NAT (ROSENBLUTH), IRVING (LNU), IDA (POSNER), BETTY (GANNETT), ESTHER (UNGER).

The informant advised that this meeting started at 8:00 p.m. on 6/24/59, and ended at 10:00 p.m. the same date and was held in Room 10-G, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

According to the informant, the following took place at this meeting:

An individual, identified as MILTON (ROSEN) gave a report in which he stated the following:

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The Party is organizing a peace campaign, the first phase of which will start from 7/15 to 8/15, the purpose of which is to get a statement from the Mayor of New York indicating that the people and the Mayor are tired of the H. Bomb testing. It is being considered that the campaign will open with a letter from BEN DAVIS to the Commissioner of Health of New York City, indicating the danger of fallout to the population. The letter will be going out in the next week or two to all of the clubs outlining some of the aims of the peace campaign. Around the end of July or the first week in August, there will be a "flyer" on the peace campaign.

A female referred to as BETTY stated that the campaign will point out the effects of strontium 90 on the children. She stated that "we" have discarded the idea of getting out posters on the peace campaign, but that there will be "stickers".

MILTON (ROSEN) also stated that at the State Committee meeting "we" were asked to make outlines of MIKE's report on labor policy and the question of developing the Party as a political force in trade unionism. He further mentioned that unemployment in the upstate areas of New York had risen and stated " . . . We have 600 or 700 members in our Industrial Division. . . . " " . . . The development of a political base in industry is a process which requires much time and thought. . . . If we can unite a front with the labor movement then we hope to organize and build a role in the united front through Communism. . . . If the Party is to grow, it must begin to develop as a political force in the trade union movement. . . . How can the Communist Party grow unless it develops a base and indicates its position among the workers? . . . The development of the Party and of the development of the

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political bases in the unions by the individual comrades and the development of the 'left' in the united front all tend to develop one another. . . . The cumulative effect is to build the Party."

An individual named LOUIE stated that "we" have made no serious attempt to reorganize the Communist Party organization in the painters union. He also stated ". . . At least 14 or 15 painter-communists . . . are all active in the union and are all active union leaders. . . . He continued saying, ". . . We want to create a 'left trend' in the labor movement. We have to fight for a 'left trend'. It is a most serious error to confuse the rank and file with the Party or to confuse the 'left trend' with the Party. The Party itself is an organization. . . ."

An unidentified male stated that the Party has failed to state its position clearly on many questions such as the West German question and that it should, therefore, state its position publicly so that the membership may know what its position is on various questions. This same individual stated, ". . . We want to avoid errors that we have made in the past and I wouldn't want, for instance, for a garment region of the Communist Party to come out on a (unintelligible) commenting on the affairs of the union. . . ."

Another unidentified male stated that the role of the Communist is to be conscious of the problems in his particular shop, union, industry or organization and to be able to discuss these problems with the workers. He stated that a united front consists of Party people and other elements and non-Party people and that actually if it is a united front, it cannot be a Party, it cannot be just a Party program, its got to be a compromise program, otherwise it is not a united front. He stated, ". . . Its got to be a program that is acceptable to much larger masses of people than the Party members themselves. . . ."

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A third unidentified male suggested that it be put on the agenda for some future meeting of the Industrial Board to have the comrades from the hospital present so that "we may have a full evaluation to sum up a strike which had many ramifications. . . ."

Most of the conversation at the meeting was either inaudible or unintelligible primarily due to noises emanating from outside Room 10-G.

On the evening of 6/24/59, a physical surveillance was conducted in the vicinity of Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, by SAS [redacted] and RICHARD V. BOLAN, and the following individuals were observed to enter 74 Fifth Avenue, at the times indicated, and were identified by SA [redacted]

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LOUIS WEINSTOCK	7:18 p.m.
AARON WOOL	7:44 p.m.
MIKE CRENOVICH	8:13 p.m.
BOB KATZ	8:10 p.m.
MIKE DAVIDOW	7:45 p.m.
NAT ROSENBLUTH	7:40 p.m.
IDA POSNER	7:45 p.m.
ESTHER CANTOR UNGER	8:12 p.m.
BETTY GANNETT TORMEY	6:51 p.m.
HAROLD COLLINS	7:33 p.m.
HY WALLACH	7:26 p.m.
BILL RIGG	7:45 p.m.
LOUIS DINNERSTEIN	6:45 p.m.
[redacted]	8:40 p.m.

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Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are one thermofax copy each of the following:

ORGANIZATION
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A letter dated August 6, 1959, "To All Districts" from PHIL BART, which encloses a copy of a referendum decided on at the last National Committee Meeting on July 25 and July 26. The referendum concerns modification of Article V, Section 5, of the Constitution which deals with the election to the National Committee. The returns on referendum vote are to be into the National Office by Monday, October 19.

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES
Bufile 100-3-83

A letter dated July 31, 1959, "To All Districts" from HY LUMER, enclosing material on the case of AL FISHER, presently serving a five-year sentence for violation of the Taft-Hartley Act. Enclosed with this letter were biographic data concerning FISHER and a mimeographed petition requesting either a full pardon for FISHER or commutation of his sentence to time served. The petition was addressed to President EISENHOWER. *let only enclosed*

The above were made available to SA [redacted] by [redacted] and [redacted] on August 12, 1959, and were received from the CP National Office. The originals were returned to the Informants.

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August 6, 1959

TO ALL DISTRICTS

Dear Comrades:

In accordance with a decision of the last National Committee meeting on July 25-26, we are enclosing a letter of explanation and copies of the referendum for all clubs.

The National Committee referred the formulation of the referendum and the dates for conducting it to the National Executive Committee. The N.E.C. adopted the enclosed referendum and set the dates of September 15th to October 15th for the vote. All returns will be counted which are received at the National Office by Monday, October 19th.

Comradely yours,

Phil Bart

National Organizational Sec'y

Att #1 to 100-4931-12377

August 7, 1959

TO ALL CLUBS

Dear Comrades:

The National Committee at its meeting of July 25-26 decided to take a referendum on Article V, Section 5 of the Constitution which deals with the election to the National Committee. In its opinion this is necessary in view of the fact that the present clause in the Constitution does not reflect the best method in electing the National Committee. In deleting this section of the Constitution, such changes, modifications or other methods of election will be adopted or considered in pre-convention discussion and decided by the National Convention. The Convention may:

1. Change this article of the Constitution or reintroduce it as is. Furthermore it is proposed that in the pre-convention period all sections of the Constitution shall be discussed and recommendations made to the Constitution Committee for changes in the Constitution.

This referendum is taken in accordance with Article IX, Section 1 of the present Constitution, which reads:

"This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of any regular or special national convention, or by referendum initiated by the National Committee or one-third of the state or district organizations. State and District organizations or their sub-divisions may adopt by-laws provided they are in accord with the National Constitution."

Comradely yours,

Phil Bart
National Organizational Sec'y

REFERENDUM

WHEREAS Article 5, Section 5 of the Constitution states:

"The National Committee shall be elected in the following manner: Each State and District organization shall hold its convention in advance of the National Convention and shall elect members of the National Committee in a number determined in accordance with a scale of representation determined by the previous National Convention. The names of all members of the National Committee so elected shall be submitted for approval to the National Convention which follows their election. In addition to the members of the National Committee so elected, the National Convention shall elect members of the National Committee-at-large in a number determined by it, but not to exceed one third of the total membership of the National Committee. All elections to the National Committee shall be by secret ballot and majority vote.

"The scale of representation shall be determined by the previous national convention."

and

and the National Committee will consider amendments to the Constitution at its 17th Convention.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution specifying the method for electing the National Committee be deleted and that a substitute therefor be adopted by the next National Convention.

<u>District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Club</u>
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No. of members who voted for _____

No. of members who voted against _____

No. of members who abstained _____

July 31, 1959

TO ALL DISTRICTS.

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed is some material on the case of Al Fisher now serving a five-year sentence on the Taft-Hartley affidavit charge. The COMMITTEE TO FREE AL FISHER is conducting a campaign to secure a pardon or commutation for him. He is one of a number of Taft-Hartley victims, one other - Hugh Bryson - is also serving a prison term. Others have cases on appeal, including the Cleveland conspiracy case defendants.

The fight for the freedom of Al Fisher is important, not only in itself but in relation to these other cases and to the general fight against the Taft-Hartley Act. It is therefore of much more than local importance. Hence we are sending this material to you with the urgent request that your district participate in this fight in every way possible. Additional material can be secured from the committee.

Comradely,

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-132430)

DATE: 8/13/59

FROM : SA RICHARD V. BOLAN (42)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NYD
INDUSTRIAL DIVISION
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NY 2655-S*

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Who was in a position to
furnish reliable information.

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The names in parentheses are the opinion of the reporting agent and should not be construed as a positive identification.

On 7/7/59, Confidential Source [redacted] (Conceal), who has furnished reliable information in the past, [redacted]

[redacted] to SA [redacted]
[redacted] Mr. Rosen had reserved Room 10-G for Thursday evening, 7/9/59, for a 7:30 p.m. meeting of the "Writers Club."

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On 7/8/59, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the "Writers Club" meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, 7/9/59, had been postponed and re-scheduled for Wednesday evening, 7/22/59, in Room 9-G.

It is noted that the Industrial Board, CP, USA, NYD, Industrial Division, has previously met at Adelphi Hall under the name of the "Writers Club."

The meeting was covered by NY 2655-S* who advised the following names were mentioned as attending this meeting: George (Morris), Milt (Rosen), Nat (Rosenbluth), Paul (Schwartz), Aaron (Wool), Ida (Posner), Betty (Gannett).

The informant advised that this meeting started at 8:00 p.m. on 7/22/59, and ended at 10:30 p.m. the same date and was held in Room 9-G, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, NYC.

According to the informant, the following took place at this meeting:

The chairman announced that they had originally planned a discussion of the hospital strike and a discussion by Louis (Weinstock) on the trade union movement, but that since Louis is absent, they will postpone these discussions until the next meeting at which Louis will be present. He stated that for this meeting they will discuss possibly the steel strike and Ida wants to make a report on the fund drive and miscellaneous things. He also stated that Paul has an item to discuss regarding the railroad.

Informant advised that the windows in the meeting room were apparently open, resulting in extremely poor audibility of the speakers due to street noises and acoustical difficulties. The chairman was overheard to make unintelligible comments regarding "our own division", "our region", and "quotas." Another male made unintelligible comments, referring to "the Party in the Industrial Division" and "the Industrial Board."

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A female, referred to as Ida, gave a report on Registration which, she stated, started in December. In her report on Registration, she first mentioned or referred to a Region and gave a number representing last year's registration, followed by another number representing this year's registration. Her remarks on registration included the following:

"....Last year metal (ph) had 38, this year _____; (referring to another region, unintelligible) 64, this year we have sixteen (ph);....building trades sixty-nine (ph), this year they have thirty-six up to date and she mentions Rose and another person and states that these two have four more;.... the specialists (ph) have 100% registration. They had 57 last year and 67 this year. They have 10 more this year than last year;....food had 40 last year and 10 up to date;....me (ph), eleven; teamsters had 25 last year and Milt (ph) picked up the last one _____. A male interrupted Ida and stated, "...I had more, I had 51." He then mentioned the number 55. Ida continued, ".....concentration (ph), one (ph)....up to a month ago it was zero;....fur had 31 last year, 21;... the studios (ph) had a hundred registered up to '58 and I spoke to the new _____ last week and I was down to eighty (ph) other (ph) studios (ph) and.... they told me they had 57; what happened to the others, well I don't know; garment, out of 205, 153....; maritime, poor maritime had thirty-one (ph) last year and nothing this year;.... longshore.....; cultural had 66, up to date 47; railroad 33, 18;.... in January we had 53, in December, 54....".

Ida then speaks about a fund drive and makes an unintelligible remark about \$500. She stated that "special" (ph) is leading and states that their quota was four thousand and they have raised two thousand, seven hundred and _____ dollars. She stated that next was building trades. Their quota was "three thousand" and they gave one thousand and _____. She stated that next was "miscellaneous who had a quota of three thousand." She also stated in part, ".... distributive had a quota of four thousand....; metal had a quota of sixteen (ph) hundred and raised two hundred and twenty (ph); miscellaneous had a quota of three thousand and has one hundred and thirty-four; ... building trades has a quota of twenty-five hundred and raised eleven hundred and ninety-two;... specials has a quota of four thousand and they gave two thousand _____.; transport.....; ... food has a quota of fifteen hundred and they raised four hundred and six; ... teamsters... last month gave thirty-eight dollars; ... fur has two hundred and ninety-four out of a quota of thirty-one (ph) hundred;... distributive has a quota of four thousand and raised eight hundred and fifty-seven; garment we gave a quota of sixty-five hundred and they accepted

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a quota of six thousand; cultural turned in one thousand....; cultural has a quota of one thousand....longshore, thirty-seven; railroad two hundred and eighteen..." She also mentions something about raising thirty-five thousand. In speaking about garment's quota of six thousand she stated, "... garment has a hundred and sixty three." Informant did not know the significance of that number.

A man, referred to as George, made a motion that "we have a dues report at the first meeting of every month of this council." He continued, ".... I want to know who's paying dues... One way that we can check on what's going on is ... our dues payments.... I propose that we have a regular report and statement every month regarding the dues payments of each and every region..."

Another man made an unintelligible remark about a proposed meeting "of this Board."

In concluding the meeting, the Chairman announced, "... our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 12th. The next Executive Committee will be Thursday, August 6th..."

Contact with informant terminated at 10:50 p.m., 7/22/59.

On the evening of 7/22/59, a physical surveillance was conducted in the vicinity of the 9th floor, Adelphi Hall, by SAS [redacted] and Richard V. Bolan and the following individuals were observed to exit the elevator on the 9th floor, Adelphi Hall, at the time indicated and to enter the corridor leading to Room 9-G, where a meeting of the "Writers Club" was scheduled for that evening; the following were identified by SA

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[redacted]	Ida Posner	6:57 p.m.
	Louis Dinnerstein	7:05 p.m.
	Milton Rosen	7:07 p.m.
	Nat Rosenbluth	7:27 p.m.
	Betty Gannett	7:29 p.m.
	George Morris	7:29 p.m.
	Leonard Hirschman	7:40 p.m.
	Aaron Wool	7:56 p.m.
	Paul Schwartz	8:00 p.m.

On the evening of 7/22/59, a photographic surveillance was maintained by SAS [redacted] and Richard V. Bolan from Room 9-A, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, NYC.

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Photographs of the above named individuals, who were observed exiting the elevator on the 9th floor at Adelphi Hall, were obtained as these individuals were exiting the corridor, leading from Room 9-G, at the conclusion of the meeting held therein. All of these individuals departed the 9th floor at approximately 10:35 p.m.

SAS [redacted] and Richard V. Bolan determined from observation of the 9th floor at Adelphi Hall, on the evening of 7/22/59, that Room 9-G was the only room occupied during that evening.

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The above photographs were identified by SA [redacted] [redacted] on 7/24/59, and are being forwarded to the individual case file, of each individual, with a copy of this memo.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)

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Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are the following:

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
(Bureau File 100-3-81)

One thermofax copy each of a three-page letter addressed "To All Clubs" from BENJAMIN J. DAVIS and WILLIAM ALBERTSON concerning Peace Month from July 15 to August 15. The letter encouraged activity by every club and member around the demand for an end to nuclear testing and a ban on the manufacture and use of atomic weapons.

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DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES
(Bureau File 100-3-83)

One thermofax copy each of a statement of ARNOLD JOHNSON, National Legislative Director of the CP at hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on July 13, 1959.

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EDUCATION
(Bureau File 100-3-71)

An original copy each of a pamphlet entitled, "FIVE SESSION STUDY GUIDE ON THE U.S.S.R. SEVEN YEAR PLAN OF COMMUNIST CONSTRUCTION" issued by the New York State Communist Party, July, 1959.

The above were made available to SA [redacted] by [redacted] and [redacted] on July 22, 1959. They were received from the [redacted] Office. The originals of the thermofax copies were returned to the informants.

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MEMO

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-)
(100-9-63)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-4234 AA)
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RE: CP, USA
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Confidential Informant [redacted] MEMPHIS UNIT
[redacted] reported to SA [redacted] of the Newark Office
and SA JOHN A. HAYS of the New York Office on 8/10/63 that the
N.J. CP issued a call for a N.J. State Convention to meet in
the first session Sunday, 11/20/63 at 10 AM. The session will
consider all draft documents and resolutions relating to
national politics; receive reports of the State Committee and
State Officers; elect delegates to the National Convention. A
second session following the National Convention is scheduled to
meet on Sunday, 1/10/64. This session is to consider the

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decisions of the National Convention; adopt a state program of Party work; elect a State Committee and regional sub-committees to lead the Party.

Delegates to the State Convention shall be elected directly from clubs. To be eligible the delegate must be a member of the club and in good club standing. Elections can be held any time up to December 1, 1933. The number of delegates are to be allocated by the State Committee in accordance with club dues payments for the period of October 1933 to October 1934. Clubs are to elect one delegate per each five members of the club.

"Party Life", the N.J. state publication, is to be revived. Issues are to be published containing articles, resolutions and amendments made by clubs and/or individual members during discussion periods.

According to the informant only three individuals were present during a State Board meeting on 4/12/33 at the time the following topics were discussed. It was proposed that a committee be established to plan for a celebration of the 40th anniversary of CP - USA in the N.J. district. This committee is to decide as to the type of affair to be held. The question was raised as to whether it would be wise to hold a large open affair or for small private gatherings.

It was reported by ALBERT GARDON, Organizational Secretary, that dues payments are not coming in and are almost non-existent. The state treasury is very low and almost nil. It was reported that CP activities in the Hudson County, N.J. area were rapidly deteriorating due to personal domestic difficulties.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-662)

DATE: 8/6/59

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

DICTATED: 7/30/59

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- (1 - [REDACTED])
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- (1 - 100-13631 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 100-13630 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 100-9053 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 100-662) RUTH QUERIO)

1 - Baltimore (100-2348 SWP) (RM)

2 - Cleveland (RM)

- (1 - 100-1012 SWP)
- (1 - 100-19987 [REDACTED])

1 - Denver (100-2650 SWP) (RM)

8 - Los Angeles (RM)

- (1 - 100-17375 SWP)
- (1 - 100- [REDACTED])
- (1 - 100-23847 ELEANOR BRODIE)
- (1 - 100-32438 JAMES P. CANNON)
- (1 - 100-49851 ROSE KARSNER)
- (1 - 100-39209 EVELYN REED)
- (1 - 100- [REDACTED])

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ELEANOR
BROOKS

1 - New Haven (100-1191 SWP) (RM)

17 - New York (RM)

- (1 - 100-4013 SWP)
- (1 - 100- SP-SDF)
- (1 - 100- CP)
- (1 - 100- Socialist Union SUA)
- (1 - 100-137309 Workers World Party)
- (1 - 100-7388 FARRELL DOBBS)
- (1 - 100-88179 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 100-59096 TOM KERRY)
- (1 - 100- GEORGE LAVAN)
- (1 - 100-59481 ARTHUR PRELIS)
- (1 - 100-61363 DAN ROBERTS)
- (1 - 100-59476 MORRIS STEIN)
- (1 - 100-122237 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 100- WEISS)
- (1 - 100-127187 [REDACTED])

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- (1 - 100-1984 SWP)
- (1 - 100- RUTH FRANKLIN)

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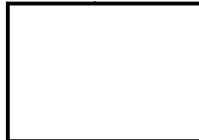
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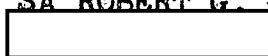
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The following, unless otherwise indicated, is a verbatim
copy of the informant's written statement dated July 12, 1959:

"July 12, 1959

[redacted] a meeting was held at [redacted]
[redacted] and the agenda being the Convention
report. Those being present were [redacted]
[redacted] chairing the
meeting.

[redacted] report began with the organization of the
convention, Presidium elected were, Cannon, Weiss M.
Hansen, Stein, Kerry and 2 others she did not
learn their names.

"Credentials Committee, Ruth Franklin New Jersey,
Taplo N.Y. (Ruth Querio was nominated but declined
the nomination) Clemens, who chaired this committee

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PEARL CHERTOV)
HOWARD LE COMPTE)
LOUIS SHOEMAKER)
ETHEL WEISS)

2 - St. Louis (RM)

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SWP)
OSCAR CLEN/N)

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SWP)
DICK FRASER)

Constitution committee, Stein, Brody, Price, Evelyn Reed. There final report was, no revision in the constitution.

"Nominating committee, [] said that the Pennsylvania delegation elected Pearl, Ethel, Lou. This committee had quite a hard session, as they were in session on lunch hours and their supper period, and finally finished up with a whole night session, to bring out a slate of candidates. Although they (delegates) were given 10 minutes to present their speech for presenting the name of their nominee, the Youth group came thru with the names of ten nominees, and kept things tied up a bit. The Youth group as such, was given a fraternal delegate on the national committee.

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[] said one thing made her feel good was that, Baltimore, Denver, and Connecticut, have 3 in Baltimore and 4 in the other 2, they were only given a fraternal delegate to the convention, while Pittsburgh was given a full fledged voting delegate. The reason being the other Branches are not old time Branches who have had large membership, that was whittled away by the numerous splits which have taken place in the last few years. Pittsburgh Branch standing the test of time and continuing to fight, and holding steadfast to the ideal of Trotsky and Lenin.

"The P.C. resolution as given by Dobbs, is enclosed under separate envelope, as given by [] Dick Frazier spoke against some parts of the draft P.C. resolution, especially paragraph 3.. [] spoke about the P.C. resolution that it was a do nothing attitude which was felt from the Draft, and the revised draft was no different than the original.

"Hansen speaking on regroupment said in 1956, as his balance sheet on regroupment shows, the

Socialist Workers Party came out of isolation, and began to work in all fields of the radical movement. Are growth and voice both inside and out side of the radical movement was felt, in many places. In the negro sections we presented our help, as in the Bus stike in the south. Here large segments of the population became acquainted with us and what we stand for, and as one Comrade said, 'What the SWP does, counts most, for with your support we won the right to ride where we want to on the bus.'

"Each year since '56 we have come out stronger and stronger in putting our line across until today we are the leaders among the radical movements. The C.P. has dropped to, it now is the lowest state since the Stalinist became a known party in this country. The Schachmanites drowned themselves, in the sea of SD SPF and the Cochranites turned into a coffee clutch, with other splinters just being devoured by the termites. Elinore Brooks from California on regroupment and what it has done in negro circles. She was on the L.A. Council Campaign. The 13 head leaders of the NAACP are reachable, if it is done in the right way, because we know what the negro needs is our socialism. Elinore Brooks spoke again as she was on the negro panel. She belongs to the NAACP. George Lavan was on the negro panel.

"Kerry chaired the trade union panel, with several speakers among which was Jean Simon.

chaired the Youth Panel. He said that the Youth paper now runs from 3000 to 6000 copies an issue and they are now reaching in all facets of Youth work with the true Trotskyist theory. Their is an every widening field for Youth work, in Unions, Schools, and leaders of strikes, especially where there are large groups of female workers, such as hospital and stores.

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"Dan Roberts spoke on the "Memorandum of the Continuing discussion of the Chinese Commune. (Enclosed under separate envelope as given by Querio from the copy of her original).

"The credential committee report was 57 delegates, and 22 alterante with 42 fraternal delegates, visitors 62, were at this convention. The average age was delegates 40 years old, alternates 43 years old, Fraternal delegates 17 years old, visitors average age bein 11 years old.

[redacted] commented that at Saturday night supper there were 252.

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"To a question about the SWP's view on the Marcyites, [redacted] said that a resolution had been passed that the Marcyites had left beacuse of their pro-Stalinist views and the stand they had taken on Hungary. That Dobbs had said there were 35 Marcyites, that left the SWP.

"Since January of 1958 to April 1959 they (SWP) had recruited 84 new members, but in this same time 83 members had been dropped, 35 of the 83 being the Marcyites.

[redacted] mentioned that greetings had been sent to Rose Karsner and Howard LeCompte, both of whom are ill.

[redacted] said she saw [redacted] and had heard that Sam Gordon was in Japan. She said she had been told again Sam was in New York during the last convention, and talked to some of the top leaders of SWP.

"The revised draft of the Political Resolution is enclosed under separate envelope. [redacted] said the high point of the convention was the talk on the "World Movement, by Jim Cannon. He brought them

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up from the beginning of the Trotskyist, to the present, and the Fourth International. (At this time a boy friend of [] came in, so [] said we will finish this Tuesday, for there is still lots more/ Finances and Literature, and a lot of general gossip.)

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"The full details above were given by [] from her notes of the Convention. She mentioned she was late to a few sessions, as she had to get the dust from Smokey Joe's out of her system."

Copies of this memorandum have been designated for the files of all individuals and/or organizations mentioned in the informant's statement.

Informant orally advised SA [] on 7/15/59 that the figure for the average age of the visitors at the Convention as given by [] was eleven. [] told informant that this figure was arrived at by including all the children of those in attendance including numerous babies.

The enclosures mentioned in the above report are located in 100-662-1A119 and 1A120, and separate letters will be submitted concerning them.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-4843-1235) DATE: 8-13-59
 FROM : SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON
 SUBJECT: CP USA
 MISSOURI DISTRICT
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Source [redacted] reliable info in past
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 100-9926 [redacted]
 100-166 [redacted]
 100-5745 [redacted]
 100-7367 (CP - P&P)
 100-4843-5406 (CP - Ind. Area)
 100-1238 (Marcus A. Murphy)
 100-1542 (Charlie Cox)
 100-7419 (Pauline Murphy)
 100-2107 (NAACP)
 100-17413 [redacted]
 100-16815 [redacted]
 100-17698 [redacted]
 100-599 (Orville Leach)
 100-7042 (Elsie Leach)
 100-10323 [redacted]
 100-7498 (CP - Education)
 100-7756 (CP - Strat. in Ind.)
 100-7314 (CP - Security Measures)
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3 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
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J. WATERS

Saint Louis, Missouri
July 23, 1959

On [redacted] Committee b7D

meeting of the CP was held at the home of [redacted]

Persons present were [redacted] and

[redacted] The meeting was chaired by [redacted] said the only thing he had on the agenda was the bulletin and discussion of classes for the fall.

On the bulletin [redacted] said that they had already met and sort of drawn up a tentative schedule of what they would have for the next couple of months. In the bulletin that is coming out this month, which is late because of vacations, [redacted] said there would be a big article on the Strontium 90 fallout. In the next issue, [redacted] said they weren't too sure of what they should have, but they felt pretty sure that by September there should be a summary of what labor is doing and how it is effecting us here locally as well as nationally. [redacted] said by this time they had felt that they would have to study what is happening in the Teamsters Union and also with the steel strike, and they had hoped to get someone from the Industrial Area to write up such an article.

[redacted] asked [redacted] if the bulletin was being mailed to anyone and [redacted] said at the last State meeting it had been suggested that the bulletin go out on a mailing, but he wasn't sure that this was going

on, but would check at the State meeting and find out. [] said that AL MURPHY was in town over the weekend for the ballgame and that although [] had not been able to see him, CHARLIE COX had said that AL MURPHY told him he was completely out of touch with the party. He was not getting any kind of material and [] said he felt that AL should be getting some sort of party material and someone here should get in touch with him besides himself. [] said he writes to AL as often as possible and sort of keeps him up to date on what is happening, but he feels it would be well to have him contacted by some other people besides himself. [] said he would check and find out whether or not AL was getting the bulletin but as far as the "P.A." and "The Worker" [] said he was pretty sure that if AL was interested he would be able to order those direct and get them through the mail, but he would also check with the State and find out if there was any other material that AL should get. [] also said that FAULINE MURPHY was a delegate from Saxon, Missouri where they live to the NAACP Convention, and that at the time that AL was here she was in New York at this convention.

[] said he had some leaflets that [] had drawn up and they had used them for distribution, and that if anyone else wanted some of these leaflets, he had a few more left that they could get. [] divided the few that [] had between them. [] asked [] if he had heard anything about [] recently, and [] said he had not. [] said that at the present

[] was out of town but that about six weeks before he left, he was visited by the FBI and he feels that evidently they gave him a pretty good scare because [] had told [] that he might not come back to St. Louis to practice law but might stay up there. [] said that [] had received a letter from [] while he was gone and that he was working for the Coca Cola Plant there and from what [] had said, the FBI had visited [] again while he was out of town and they had brought in a list of all the activities that he had attended such as his meetings with [] and that he again mentioned the fact that he might not come back here to practice law.

[] said that ORVILLE LEACH's wife had been visited by the FBI and that they had tried to find out from her where ORVILLE worked and this sort of information, but she said she had refused to give them any information. [] said it seemed to her that most of the people who were being contacted by the FBI were people who were inactive at this time. [] said that was very true because he thinks that they feel that people who are not active are more likely to listen to them and they might get better results from them. [] also said that when the FBI talked to ORVILLE's wife and also to [] that something was mentioned about the Cuban situation so that it seems to him that they are trying to tie in these visits somehow with Cuba. [] said he doesn't know exactly what they have up their sleeve but feels it is something we are going to have to watch very carefully so that we will know what is happening.

On classes, [] said he felt that we should set a date ^{b6} ^{b7C} ^{b7D} to what time we felt classes should start in the fall so that we have a goal to work towards. [] suggested that classes start in October because by this time the weather would be nice and we wouldn't mind being inside an hour or two out of a week. This was agreed on by all. [] said that he had not done much more on getting out material for this outline on Political Economy. []

[] had been asked to work with him but [] had started working different hours and sometimes longer and had been so tied up that he hadn't been able to help much, [] had suggested that [] help him. [] said that he hadn't been able to do anything on it. He is now out of work and looking for a job sort of comes first and he hasn't been able to settle down to doing any amount of reading. [] asked if it was possible to get some outlines from New York. [] said that from reading "The Worker" she noticed that they are having classes there, and one is on Political Economy, so that evidently they must have some kind of material. This would save quite a bit of time if we could get something already prepared.

[] said that LUMER was supposed to send him some material on education but he hadn't heard from him since he was here last.

[] said he didn't think [] should wait to hear from LUMER, but should write to him and ask for this material and see if we would be able to get it here early enough to use it for the October classes. So [] said he would write and find out.

Adjourned about 9:45 P.M.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)

8/19/59

SAC, WFO (100-421)

COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA
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Enclosed are two copies for the Bureau and one each for New York and Cleveland for information, of a translation of a document provided from the Czechoslovak Embassy, Washington, D.C., by [redacted] on 7/25/59. Photograph negatives of the original documents are located in [redacted]
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The information in the enclosure is not considered suitable for dissemination, but is being furnished for its general intelligence value to the Bureau and interested Offices.

According to [redacted] "TONIK" is the Czechoslovak familiar form for the name ANTONIN.

It is noted that ANTHONY KRCHWAREK of Cleveland, Ohio, is a member of the Executive Committee of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, USA, the subject of Bufile 100-9391.

HELENA, mentioned in the second sentence of the attached translation, could not be identified by the informant.

BCHUSLAV JUZA, the author of the original document, was assigned to the Czechoslovak Embassy as Attache from July, 1954, to August, 1957, and is the subject of Bufile 105-30230.

Information in the enclosed document should be considered as bearing a classification of "~~Secret~~" since unauthorized disclosure of the information set forth might reveal the fact that the original document from which this information was taken (official property of a foreign diplomatic establishment), has been made available to the FBI.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 2)
- 1 - Cleveland (65-721) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
- ① - New York (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
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Even this matter is coming to a definite standstill and there are interim suppositions that during further development this dispute will be cleared. It appears today that the greatest danger for the party is the changed tactics of the FBI. The evidence on hand of the Ohio Committee shows that the FBI except for known experiences with intimidations, arrests and prosecution, etc. by them - is trying to dilute the party from the inside in writing letters to party members who are indicated or known to be wavering. In these letters there are exact copies of the statement by writer, HOWARD FAST, about his quitting the party. Furthermore, the FBI is using various Trotskyite groups to decompose the party internally and some of them - according to existing evidents - are in direct contact with some rightist members of the Central Committee in New York. This threatening of the

party, aimed for the destruction of party ideology, is thus much more serious than the present schism inside the party against which the potential membership - mainly workers - is already fighting successfully.

Unemployment - 180,000 in Detroit.

Automation - plants built more than five years ago are obsolete - further layoff without a chance for another job - very limited working time in various industries, three to four days - there is not enough to pay installments - cases of sold (words not readable) - ... open eyes of workers - requesting the change in party line (several words not readable) ... and CLARK PILGRAM from "Daily Worker" will be removed - consequently, others will go - they do not want any office - in order to keep things without new disputes - resistance against moving of Central Committee of Communist Party of United States - it is not necessary - to think it over, etc.

Real value of dollar is about \$.38 - pressing situation of farmers - everything is helping to consolidate (the Party) - there are signs of hope for consolidation - it was caused mainly by emotional relations among Jews. MILLER, husband of MARILYN MONROE and his position - described by writer STEINBECK in Esquire magazine - is ... (several words not readable) - relief of the party.

Trial

Court meanwhile resting - Supreme Court decision is expected and according to this, further cases will be conducted. Until now the Supreme Court decided to review one case. The defense is hoping to reopen the case because the court acted incorrectly in the case of the Ohio defendants. Defendants could choose, according to the law, if they desire to be tried by a judge or by jury. They decided for a judge, figuring out that the judge would try to decide within the law, but the jury can be influenced by various means (bribery, etc). The case was tried by jury against their wishes as a result of orders from Washington. Court trial expenses amounted until now to about \$100,000 which was mostly paid (three words not readable). The defendants voluntarily agreed to pay for one defense counsel.

Translator's Note:

The first two lines of this document were typewritten. The remaining portion of it was written in ink in the handwriting of BOHUSLAV JUZA.

Translated by FRANTISEK TISLER, 8/12/59.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
201 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York
8/20/59

[Redacted] Agent

New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

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Dear [Redacted]

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you furnish listings for the following telephone numbers:

DI 4-5564

Your personal attention in protecting the confidential nature of our inquiry in this matter is greatly appreciated and I wish to express my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

H. G. Foster

H. G. FOSTER
Special Agent in Charge

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

DATE: 8/26/59

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: CP, USA
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"The Worker", issue of 8/16/59, contained the following announcements:

Page 11, column 2 - The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship announces its annual rally for peace and friendship will be held on Sunday evening, November 15 in Carnegie Hall, NYC.

Page 16, columns 2 and 3 - A celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Communist Party will be held on Friday, September 25 at 8:00 PM, at Carnegie Hall, NYC, admission #1.

- 1- ASAC N.H. MC CABE (DIV IV)
- 1- Supervisor [REDACTED] (41)
- 1- Supervisor C.J. RYAN (42)
- 1- RA Babylon
- 1- RA Kingston
- 1- RA Poughkeepsie
- 1- RA Staten Island
- 1- RA Suffern
- 1- RA White Plains
- 1- New York (97-169-D) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC.) (415)
- 1- New York (100-7518) (NCASF) (41)
- 1- New York (100-26603) (CP, USA-NYD) (416)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1931)(#421)

DATE: 8/26/59

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (#421)

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Identity of Source

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1 - New York (100-135170) [REDACTED] (#421)
1 - New York (100-106044) [REDACTED] (#421)
1 - New York (100-135246) [REDACTED] (#421)
1 - New York (100-128314-B) (BRONX COUNTY CP - FUNDS) (#421)
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8/26/59

August 5, 1959

On [redacted] in apartment [redacted] a meeting of the [redacted] of the Communist Party of the Bronx was held. The chairman was [redacted]

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The meeting was conducted in the following manner:

[redacted] collected party dues. [redacted] paid dues for June and/or July, 1959. [redacted] collected the dues and placed this money into a brown, manila envelope which she took with her when she departed.

There was some discussion on the Party fund drive. [redacted] stated that the drive was going very badly and that the money was sorely needed. [redacted] stated that approximately \$225.00 had been pledged by the [redacted] and that approximately \$100.00 of that amount had been turned in. All of the members present agreed to fulfill their pledges by Labor Day. [redacted] stated that she will use her apartment for a party given by the [redacted] and to which all members from the section will be invited. She also stated that the party would be held on a Saturday near Labor Day.

There was a brief mention of an affair to be held in Carnegie Hall (on the 21 of Aug?) to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Communist Party.

Discussion took place on the section committee's suggestion to reorganize the [redacted] members on a geographical basis-thereby transferring out of the [redacted] about half of its members. From the discussion it was evident that at this point [redacted] are against the suggestion; [redacted] and [redacted] appear to be neutral; and [redacted] are for reorganization. [redacted] suggested that the question of reorganization be settled at the next meeting. [redacted] suggested that it

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be settled at the meeting after next. The members adopted the suggestion of [REDACTED]

The next meeting will be on Aug. 18, 1959 in the apartment of [REDACTED].

Those present were:

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-4843-1235)

DATE: 8-13-59

FROM : SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON

SUBJECT: CP
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For the information of Kansas City, the informant was unable to secure any more information on "GORDON." It may be that this is the same person as Kansas City subject GORDON MONROE.

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100-16194 (George Morris)

100-7221 (CP - Brief)

100-7498 (CP - Education)

100-17373 (Hyman Lumer)

100-166 (Romey Hudson)

100-1238 (Marcus A. Murphy)

100-7367 (CP - P&P)

100-7131 (Douglas MacLeod)

100-6903 (Carolyn MacLeod)

100-420 (Dr. Sol Londe)

100-15451 (Gordon (Monroe))

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1 - 100-16563 (James West)

100-10608 (C. Lightfoot)

100-12071 (Ida Holland)

100-10585 (Gus Hall)

100-7657 (Sol Derman)

100-17413

100-8043 (Margaret Wilson)

100-2107 (NAACP)

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Saint Louis, Missouri
July 23, 1959

On [redacted] there was a State CP
Committee meeting held at the home of [redacted] time,

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[redacted] Persons present were [redacted]
[redacted]

Meeting was chaired by [redacted] on the agenda, [redacted]
said he had educational and Marxist, and he had something to bring
up on the GEORGE MORRIS tour.

On Education, [redacted] asked [redacted] if he had anything
to report. [redacted] said that they had met the first of the week
and the Educational Committee had discussed having classes and set
a date for the classes to begin in October. [redacted] said that they
had assigned a couple of people the responsibility of helping to
draw up an outline on Political Economy some time ago and that not
much had been done on it, although he had done some work, but there
was still lots more that would have to be done to draw up an outline
for a class. [redacted] said in the meeting they had decided that due to
the fact that they were having classes in New York, that he should
write and try to find out if we could get outlines on Political
Economy since they are having such a class now. [redacted] said that
he didn't think that this would help any to write to New York because
the last time he talked to LUMER, it seemed that the classes that are
being held in New York are not from prepared outlines but they are

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doing pretty much the same thing that we are doing here, that is, to get books on whatever topics they are interested in and dig out the information and work out their own outline or method of discussion. [] said that in that case he proposed that he and another person would probably have to go ahead and try to work out the outline themselves. b7D

[] said that he had talked to ROMNEY HUDSON and ROMNEY had said that there should be party material sent to AL MURPHY and someone should keep in closer contact with him.

[] said that AL MURPHY had called him and he had planned to see him on Sunday before he left town at 11:00 o'clock, but [] said he went to sleep and overslept and that AL had left town before he got to talk to him. [] said what he didn't get was the fact that AL MURPHY came to town to see a baseball game and was not interested enough to get around to see people, and on the other hand [] said, that it seems that whenever he wants to see a baseball game he makes it but can never get here for anything else. [] said as far as getting party material, he didn't see where that was a problem because the "P.A." and "The Worker" MURPHY could get without any help from the party here and if you are reading those two pieces of material you are up to date on what is happening in the party. [] said it seems to him the guy just isn't too interested any more. [] said that was his impression too. He would check and see if the bulletin

was being sent to AL, and if it wasn't he would send it. Other than that, he didn't see where any special effort should be made to get him material because if he could come to town for a baseball game, he could communicate with St. Louis a little more often for things more important.

[] asked [] if a mailing of the bulletin was going out at this time. [] said a very small mailing was being sent out to a few people outstate, but there was no mailing going out to people here in St. Louis. b7D

[] said she thought it had been agreed at the previous meeting that a mailing list be made up for mailing and she thought this would include outstate and local. [] said he had no objection of this being done but no one had suggested any other names to go on this mailing list and he had just used these few he had. [] asked [] if he was mailing one to the Library and [] said he was doing this once each month, and also, he was mailing one to New York. [] asked about how many bulletins were being mailed outstate and [] said probably about four or five, because only one was being mailed to Oklahoma. [] said that there was another person in Oklahoma who should be getting the mailing of the bulletin, and [] said that if [] would give him this person's name sometime, he would be glad to mail it to him. [] said that he felt we should have the bulletin going out to some of the people here in the city who although they are not members of the party, are still with us

spiritually, and we can get something out to them from time to time - such as the MacLEODs and Dr. LONDE and a few other people. [redacted] b7D said that he thought that these people were getting the bulletin from someone here in the city - that is why he had not included any of them on the mailing list. [redacted] said that this might have been true at one time but he doesn't think they are getting it now, so he feels if we are going to be sure that they get it regularly, it would have to go through the mails because we could not depend on someone seeing them every month to get it to them. After some discussion, it was agreed that mailing lists of about 20 names be drawn up including people here in the city and outstate for mailing of the bulletin.

[redacted] said that the people in Kansas City should be sent a few bulletins through the mail also. [redacted] said there was one person in particular he felt that should get the bulletin there in Kansas City. Although he had never met him personally, he knew that he was the one person who was responsible for dissolving the party, but it seemed that evidently he didn't know what he was doing at the time because he still reads "The Worker" and "P.A." and whatever other party material he can get his hands on. [redacted] said this person's name was GORDON. [redacted] said he didn't know his first name.

Next was Communications. There was an outline from New York on the KHRUSHCHEV report - seven-year plan. [] b7D asked if anyone had looked over this outline, and [] said that he had and that the outline is strictly based on the seven-year plan that KHRUSHCHEV reported on, and that for reading material they had suggested articles from the "P.A." mostly, and there are a few other books that were very easy to obtain that were suggested for reading material. [] said it seemed to him if people were interested enough in the seven-year plan to draw up an outline on it, that evidently it must be important enough for at least the people on the State Committee to read and have some discussion on. It was agreed that the KHRUSHCHEV report be required reading for State Committee members and Industrial Area.

There was another communication from New York, sort of in the form of a leaflet which was on Peace, and they were setting aside a month from July 15 to August 15, 1959 to concentrate on Peace and trying to organize peace committees in New York.

On MORRIS [] said he had written to Chicago twice to try to get some information on whether or not he would be able to get MORRIS over here to speak while he was touring the Midwest, and finally he had received a letter from WEST who said he had found [] letter in CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT's desk drawer while CLAUDE was on vacation. [] said that WEST didn't know

anything about what was happening with MORRIS, and he suggested that

[] wait until LIGHTFOOT was back from his vacation. b7D

[] said he had been talking to IDA HOLLAND the other day and

that she felt that we should try to get GUS HALL in here to speak.

[] said he didn't know HALL personally and had never heard

him speak but he did know that he wrote up some pretty good material and that GUS HALL is now the Secretary of the Midwest, so it would be good for us to get in contact with him since it has been agreed that St. Louis be considered a part of the Midwest and should communicate through such channels. Everyone agreed that we should see if we would be able to get GUS HALL to come in to speak, and [] said that he would write to Chicago or find out if there was some way that he could write to GUS HALL directly and discuss this matter with him. [] said maybe since HALL is Secretary of the Midwest, this would be a good way to get information on what is happening in the field of education, also.

Next, [] said that he thinks there should be some discussion of leaflets being put out here in St. Louis; since this earnings tax passed it seems that they have some surplus money that they don't know exactly what to do with. [] said that during this campaign to get the bill passed, all city facilities had been practically at a standstill and the city had stopped doing a number of things for the people, and if there

isn't something done about it, most of these things they would never continue again. [] said it seemed to him : b7D
that there should be some sort of leaflet or something wrote up demanding that this surplus money that they will have from the earnings tax be used to help the people. [] suggested that there be something in the form of sort of a party program similar to one that had been written up in California, sort of summarizing the needs of the people here in St. Louis and what the party feels would be the right step for the people to take to see that this surplus is used for the right purposes. [] suggested that someone get in touch with SOL DERMAN and find out if he would work out something like this and tell SOL that he could have anyone he wanted to work with him if they were available and had the time.

Next, [] passed out some of the leaflets drawn up by [] and there was also a discussion on Strontium 90 fallout, and [] suggested that there be some thought given to some sort of material coming out on this other than the write-up that is going to be in the bulletin this month.

[] said that in his union he had written up a resolution concerning the Strontium 90 fallout and how it is affecting the milk here in St. Louis, and before he had written up this resolution he had talked to several of the people in the union and they had agreed that this sort of resolution was needed,

and after he had written it up [] said he had passed it around^{b6}
to several of the people in the plant and they had all agreed that^{b7C}
it was the right kind of a leaflet and that it would come up at^{b7D}
the next union meeting. [] said to make sure that this
leaflet passed, he already planned not to attend this union
meeting so that the workers would feel more eager to support this
report [] also said that a resolution like this is something
that you would like to see several other groups take a hold of
because the way this resolution is worded, it is not very easy to
be redbaited on, because you do not mention the main issue which is
the testing of nuclear weapons, but you mention how the fallout
affects the milk and vegetables and things which is still way out
from the harm that the testing of nuclear weapons is doing. []
told [] that he would like to see someone talk to
MARGARET WILSON of the NAACP on this and have her sort of compare
so that when this resolution is passed by his union, maybe the
NAACP can start pushing it or at least have some discussion on it,
and if the NAACP picks it it wouldn't be too hard to get other
organizations also to vote on such a resolution.

Next meeting date was set for the fourth Wednesday
in August to be held at the home of [] Adjourned about
10:00 P.M.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - United States Government

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-132430)

DATE: 8/28/59

FROM: SA RICHARD V. BOLAN (42)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NYD
INDUSTRIAL DIVISION
IS-C

Source
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Date of Activity
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NY 2662-S*

Who was in a position to
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Industrial Board Meeting,
Room 10-G, Adelphi Hall,
74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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The names in parentheses are the opinion of the reporting agent and should not be construed as a positive identification.

On 8/7/59, Confidential Source [redacted] [redacted], (conceal), who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that Mr. ROSEN had scheduled a meeting of the "Writers Club" for Wednesday evening, 8/12/59, which meeting would be held in Room 10-G, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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It is noted that the Industrial Board, CP, USA, NYD, Industrial Division, has previously met at Adelphi Hall under the name of the "Writers Club."

The meeting was covered by NY 2662-S* who advised that the following names were mentioned as attending this meeting: ROSE (PODMAKA), ADA (POSNER), MILT (ROSEN), MARTIN (YOUNG), BERT (ERIC BERT).

The informant advised that this meeting started at 8:00 p.m. on 8/12/59, and ended at 10:30 p.m. the same date and was held in Room 10-G, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

According to the informant the following took place at this meeting:

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes
2. Evaluation of the Hospital Strike
3. The 40th Anniversary

A male, referred to as MILT, read the minutes of the last Executive Board, at which he stated the following things were discussed:

1. The Steel Strike
2. The 40th Anniversary of the Party
3. The building of "The Worker"

MILT also gave a report on the evaluation of the

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hospital strike and stated that an important feature of the strike is that the strikers, most of whom were Negroes and Puerto Ricans, had the sympathy of the public. He also stated that by reason of the strike, the hospital union, Local 1199, gained recognition by the hospitals and most of the economic demands of the union were met. He mentioned that another feature of the strike was the rehiring of all those hospital workers who participated in it. He mentioned that a number "of our people" picketed and "did go down there" but didn't develop ties on the picket lines or meet any friends. "In other words", he stated, "the Party didn't grow amongst the hospital workers during this very important struggle." He also stated that "we" didn't successfully make proper contact with the union leadership and that there were opportunities to show "our thinking" on the strike and he mentioned that he thought that this was wrong. He also mentioned that "The Worker" did a splendid job in covering the strike situation and that there was a lot of coverage of the strike in "The Worker".

Another male commented on the strike and mentioned that the role of the Party has to be looked upon first. He stated that "our first objective" is to help the workers in the strike and that "our first objective" is not to recruit them into the Party. He stated that "our main propaganda" job was in the community, to get support from the community for the strike and also to indicate to a sufficient number of people, who might become "scabs", that they shouldn't become scabs. He stated that it was the responsibility of the union, not the Party, to get workers out in front of the hospitals, but that the Party's role is to educate the community through "The Worker."

Informant advised that most of the evening was spent in a discussion on the hospital strike, with many speakers, both male and female, agreeing with what was previously said by MILT in his evaluation of the strike.

An unidentified female mentioned that JACK is trying to get speakers for the 40th Anniversary and she also made some unintelligible comments about a National Convention in December.

Regarding the 40th Anniversary, an unidentified male stated that every comrade should try to bring a friend, even "outsiders".

Another male, speaking about the 40th Anniversary, stated that this is going to be the second Communist Party meeting in 9 years in New York. He also pointed out that the Industrial Division has a responsibility in popularizing this meeting.

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During the meeting a female remarked "Metal is not here."

MILT also made some unintelligible remarks about a Labor Day Parade on September 7th and stated that a lot of work has to go into this parade by the labor movement to make it a success. He stated that many comrades in the unions are publicizing it among the rank and file union members. He also mentioned that there will be a functionaries meeting on August 26th.

A female stated that there will also be a city-wide functionaries meeting on August 19th.

Another male complained that, since "today is the 12th", this will make it 3 meetings in a row and he stated that some of us are geared to holding meetings on alternate weeks. MILT answered his complaint by stating "take it up with the State Board."

Contact with informant was discontinued at 10:40 p.m.

On the evening of 8/12/59, a physical surveillance was conducted in the vicinity of the 10th floor, Adelphi Hall, by SAS [redacted] and RICHARD V. BOLAN and the following individuals were observed by SA [redacted] to exit the elevator on the 10th floor, Adelphi Hall, at the time indicated, and to enter the corridor leading to Room 10-G, where a meeting of the "Writers Club" was scheduled for that evening:

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HAROLD COLLINS	7:03 p.m.
LEONARD HIRSCHMAN	7:05 p.m.
ROY RYDELL	7:05 p.m.
IDA POSNER	7:25 p.m.
MIKE CRENOVICH	7:25 p.m.
ROSE PODMAKA	7:27 p.m.
MILTON ROSEN	7:35 p.m.
ESTHER CANTOR	7:41 p.m.
MARTIN YOUNG	7:47 p.m.
WILLIAM ALBERTSON	7:53 p.m.
AARON WOOL	7:55 p.m.
PAUL SCHWARTZ	8:25 p.m.

These individuals were also observed by SA [redacted] to leave the 10th floor via the elevator at the conclusion of the meeting, held in Room 10-G, at approximately 10:30 p.m.

On the evening of 8/12/59, a photographic surveillance was maintained by SAS [redacted] and RICHARD V. BOLAN from

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Room 10-A, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Photographs of the following individuals who were observed exiting the elevator on the 10th floor, were obtained as these individuals were exiting the corridor leading from 10-G, at the conclusion of the meeting held therein. These individuals departed the 10th floor at approximately 10:30 p.m.

MILTON ROSEN
ROSE PODMAKA
LEONARD HIRSCHMAN
AARON WOOL
WILLIAM ALBERTSON
HAROLD COLLINS
ESTHER CANTOR
IDA POSNER
MIKE CRENOVICH
MARTIN YOUNG

The above photographs were identified by SA [redacted] on 8/18/59, and are being forwarded to the individual case file of each subject, with a copy of this memo.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-1878-CC) Date: August 27, 1959

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: CP, EDUCATION
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PURPOSE:

To record information contained in a written report dated August 17, 1959, received personally from [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, by SA [REDACTED] on August 20, 1959. Informant's written report is filed as [REDACTED]

DETAILS:

Informant's report is set out verbatim:

1 - 100-1878-CC CP EDUCATION
100-1878-JJ CP, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
100-1878-R CP, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
100-11795 JACK CAMPBELL
100-10400 HERBERT CLEMENTS
100-4026 OBADIAH CUMMENS
100-371 SAM DAVIS
100-7285 [REDACTED]
100-11430 JOHN FORICHETTE
100-180 GUS HALL
100-9506 HANLEY HEMMINGSON
100-8320 CARL LUND
100-10489 OSCAR MAHLRE
100-11802 EILEEN O'LEARY
61-29 CLARENCE SHARP
100-4437 SIGRID SHARP
100-6785 BETTY SMITH
100-7918 ANN TAYLOR
100-6648 RALPH TAYLOR
100-1027 ROY WEIR
100-11804 RUTH WITHROW
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"MARXIST THEORY CLASS

"2630 Colfax Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Thurs., Aug. 13, 1959
8 to 10:30 p.m.

"Those present at the class were Sigrid & Clarence Sharp, at whose home the class was conducted; Mr. Obidia Cummings, a resident of Rochester who was visiting in Minneapolis for the Russian Music & Dance Festival; and [redacted] who taught the subject. Also attending were Jack Campbell, Herb Clements, Sam Davis, John Forichette, Hanley Hemmingson, Carl Lund, Oscar Malke, Eileen O'Leary, Betty Smith, Ralph & Ann Taylor and Ruth Withrow.

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"The Book Review was given by [redacted] on a recently published book, "World Without War" by J. D. Bernal. [redacted] said it was the Marxist interpretation.

"Considerable discussion followed the review. Reference was made by Clarence Sharp concerning Gus Hall and the recent Communist Party meeting in New York; Khrushchev's 7 Year Plan and the struggle for peace. He made several comparisons between capitalism and socialism pointing out that the capitalists in this country threaten war while the Soviet is striving for peace. He pointed specifically how Honeywell and the Ordinance Plant in Minneapolis want war contracts. Clarence denounced Nixon exclaiming amazement that the people could elect Nixon after he was mixed up in a scandal before elections. Clarence mentioned the fact that Eleanor Roosevelt had spoken against Nixon.

"Clarence also mentioned the growth of the Communist Party in Italy stating that in a recent poll taken several thousand Italians pledged the Socialist ticket. He also commented that when he was in New York recently he talked with a woman at Import Publication who told him that many United States

Universities were buying their books from Import Publications at much greater reductions than they can get from other companies.

"On the subject U. S. armament and nuclear stockpiles, [redacted] stated that a friend of his had been thru the underground bunker in Omaha, Nebr. which is a U. S. Government headquarters for nuclear weapons. His friend told him that in this bunker there was a red phone which is guarded by two soldiers. This phone is connected with 240 stations thru out the world and when this phone is used it will mean the beginning of World War III.

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"Betty Smith commented on the World Peace Movement. She said that the World Peace Organizations should demand that Red China be accepted by the United Nations and recognized by the United States. There was some general comparisons between Nixon and Senator Humphrey, how Nixon was acclaimed on his visit to the Soviet but Humphrey's visit did not receive favorable comment by the newspapers, specifically the Minneapolis Tribune. Sam Davis said that Humphrey should visit Red China.

"Obidia Cummings said that where he lives in Rochester, Minnesota which is a reactionary town, they had invited Khrushchev to visit the Mayo Foundation. Mr. Cummings questioned the recent change in the Ike and Nixon attitude to soft pedal the cold war which is different than the attitude of Dulles. John Forichette stated that the reason for this was the coming elections.

"Sam Davis added to this that Ike and Nixon have to do something because of the weakening policies in Germany, France and Italy together with the steel strike, problems of the farmers and other problems the government is having with the working class in this country. Sam replied to Betty's comment on Red China stating that this was an important issue and Humphrey should be encouraged to visit China. He also said that we should try to influence Repr. Roy Wier who is a leader in the farmer-labor policies.

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Sam inferred that Red China was discriminated against for example during the 2nd World War there were no German Concentration Camps in this country.

"The question of a topic for discussion at the next class was presented. Sam Davis suggested the 1960 Elections be discussed and volunteered to conduct the class.

"Ralph Taylor suggested that a donation be made for the Worker. \$10.07 was collected. Ralph stated that Eileen O'Leary would send out notices of the next class. No address has been decided upon as yet."

Informant advised orally on August 20, 1959, that the Import Publications referred to in this report was: IMPORTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRODUCTS, 4 West 16th Street, Department 1, New York 11, New York, which reprints publications of the Foreign Language Publishing House, Moscow.

reported OBIDIA CUMMINGS seemed to know CLARENCE SHARP well but was not well acquainted with SAM DAVIS.

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ACTION: File copies in designated files. Index "World Without War" by J. D. BERNAL. Open case on OBADIAH CUMMENS for current investigation.

Director, FBI (100-429577)

September 2, 1959

SAC, Detroit (100-27180)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
OF THE TRADE UNION LEADERSHIP
COUNCIL, INCORPORATED
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Re Bureau letter August 10, 1959, also re
my letter January 15, 1959.

On February 25, 1959, [redacted] who is a [redacted]

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[redacted], advised that on February 14, 1959,
all of the present officers were re-elected by acclamation
during an election meeting held at the VFW Hall, 4545 West
Warren, Detroit. The aims and objectives of the TULC, Inc.,
remain the same as set out in rexylet.

In conformance with Section 672 2c (h) of the
Manual of Instructions; a. the name of the organization
remains the same, that is, Trade Union Leadership Council, Inc.,
with headquarters at 2533 Virginia Park, Detroit, which is
the residence of JAMES W. MILLER, Secretary. All meetings are
held at the VFW Hall, James Europe Post #3010, 4545 West Warren,
Detroit. There has been no change in the bylaws or constitution.
b. Communist infiltration is negligible. c. LAVE L. L. L.,
Michigan District CP State Committee member and member of the
Negro Leadership Commission, is one of 10 vice-presidents of
the organization which has 18 officers, approximately 58 executive
board members, and 49 rank and file membership.

WILLIAM BAXTER, former CP member, is a vice-
president and director of Civil Rights who has refused to follow
any CP attempts to influence, dominate, or control the
organization. Informant reported that BAXTER has extolled the
work of the Right Winners in his discussions with CP Negro
Leadership Commission members. QUILL PATTERSON and ELMER SMITH,
who are members of the CP Negro Leadership Commission, are also
executive board members of the TULC, Inc.

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d. [redacted] who attends all meetings, submitting reports on all activities of the organization. c. Informant reported that the only way that DAVE MOORE is trying to influence the direction of the TULC, Inc., is through a program of bringing it to the attention of the masses. MOORE feels that to try to influence the organization any more would be useless because there are not enough Left Wingers who are members.

As an illustration of WILLIE BAXTER's refusal to go along with Party instructions, [redacted] reported on March 6, 1959, that he attended a meeting of the Negro Leadership Commission of the Michigan District CP on March 5, 1959, at the residence of DAVE MOORE, 3900 Brush Street, Detroit. The purpose of this meeting was to set up plans in receiving TULC, Inc. backing to have DAVE MOORE reinstated back into the union, qualifying him to hold an elective or appointed office. WILLIE BAXTER was criticized by MOORE, who was to have made a motion at the TULC, Inc. meeting held February 14, 1959, to have a committee go to UAW headquarters to speak in behalf of MOORE. Informant reported that WILLIE BAXTER made no attempt to present a motion as he was instructed to do by the Negro Leadership Commission; however, BAXTER was advised by HOMACE L. SHERFIELD, Executive Vice President and Director of Organization, and ROBERT BAXTER, President, to inform MOORE that his problem was one he should take up with his local and not a situation which should be brought up before the TULC, Inc.

[redacted] reported that as a member of the CP Fraction within the TULC, Inc., Michigan, he was expected to attend and did attend the conference July 18 and 19, 1959, at New York City, called by A. WILLIAM BRIDGEMAN, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, to discuss placing the TULC, Inc., on a national basis. Michigan District CP Negro Leadership Commission functionaries expected the CP Fraction members to attend in an effort to fight any attempt by BRIDGEMAN to reorganize anti-Communist clauses in the newly proposed bylaws and constitution of the contemplated national organization.

Informant reported that the purpose of the conference was to organize Negro unionists all over the United States; that the further purpose of the national organization

is to promote more Negroes become elected and appointed to leadership in trade unions, and to help bring about more equality in our communities.

Approximately 74 individuals from Michigan, California, New York, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Washington, D.C., attended this two-day conference. Of approximately 23 who represented Michigan, only the Informant and WILLIAM BAXTER represented the CIO Fraction from Michigan. BAXTER, however, failed to present any resolutions during this conference. DAVE FLORES did not attend this conference.

Informant reported that he made a great effort on the floor to have recommendations 7 and 8 of 11 proposals made by FATHALLAH in setting up a new constitution, be adopted. These two proposals were anti-Communist in nature. During his discussion on the floor, Informant stated that the UUC, Inc., was not set up to fight for or against Communism and these two proposals will afford the white top brass of the UUC an opportunity to point out that the organization has two or three Communists and demand that they be removed, leading to factionalism within. He also went along with this argument and the entire 11 recommendations made by FATHALLAH were accepted. Committees were set up to work out details of establishing a national UUC, Inc.

Informant reported that on July 24, 1956, at a meeting of the Negro Leadership Commission, JOHN B. HARRIS gave a report on what happened at the New York conference. COLLIN FORD, Michigan District CP State Committee member, and chairman of the Negro Leadership Commission, and ARTHUR McHAUL, State Committee leader and member of the Negro Leadership Commission, suggested that the UUC, Inc., should denounce the anti-Communist clause suggested by FATHALLAH and demand that the bylaws include a provision that no union member could be barred because of his political beliefs. According to the Informant, the UUC, Inc., will never accede to such a proposal as the organization is predominantly a right wing organization dedicated to improve the official status of Negroes in union administration. FATHALLAH, according to

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the Informant, is anti-Communist who will strive to keep the IULC, Inc. clear of any Communist taint.

Caution is being exercised in connection with this organization, and only [redacted] is contacted, keeping in mind that the only purpose in connection with this investigation is to investigate the Communist Party's attempts to influence, dominate or control the IULC, Inc. The Bureau will be promptly advised of any further attempts by the CP.

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No further investigation at this time is deemed warranted.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-25)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1763)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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OO: New York

Concerning a series of Communist Party (CP) informal conferences and interviews re Negro matters in California, commencing at San Francisco, California, on 9/9/59, [redacted] furnished orally on 9/8/59 the following information to SA WILLIAM P. SHEEHAN:

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PETTIS PERRY of Los Angeles, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, and Chairman of the CP Negro Affairs Commission for 11 Western States, will actively participate in these conferences and interviews with MICKEY LIMA of San Francisco, also a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

- 4 - Bureau
(1 - 100-372162) [redacted]
2 - San Francisco (100-11889)
② - New York (100-29010) *1 cc nyrou-80640 (CP neg- Negro Question)*
10 - Los Angeles
(1 - [redacted])
(1 - 100-56651) (JOHN WILLIAMS)
(1 - 100-4963) (PETTIS PERRY)
(1 - 100-24416) (IDA KINNEY)
(1 - 100-7658) (ILWU)
(1 - 100-7483) (NUMCS)
(1 - 100-17375) (SWP)
(1 - 100-5589) (NAACP)
(1 - 100-24345) (NEGRO QUESTION)

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The conferences and interviews will take up the following matters:

(1) An interview with HARRY BRIDGES, Head of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, tentatively set for 9/9/59 or 9/10/59, concerning the employment by the ILWU of members of the Negro race who were formerly employed by the now defunct National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards which was under the direction of HUGH BRYSON. PERRY has remarked that an agreement was reached between the CP and HARRY BRIDGES about 1953 when the NUMCS faced extinction to the effect that the Negroes in the NUMCS would be taken into the ILWU. This agreement, according to PERRY, has not been fulfilled.

(2) A conference among CP members concerning certain resolutions which the CP desires to introduce at the Baptist Convention (Negro) to be held in San Francisco in the near future.

(3) An interview with H. FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, San Francisco attorney and West Coast Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. PERRY has remarked that during the recent National Convention of the NAACP the SWP constituted a real threat. PERRY has urged a stronger participation of the CP in matters of the NAACP so that the SWP will not gain control or a position of influence.

(4) A conference among CP members concerning an All Negro Labor Council proposed by A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH, Head of the Sleeping Car Porters. PERRY has emphasized that the CP must participate in this proposed All Negro Labor Council.

PERRY is presently in San Francisco and staying at the home of LIMA. PERRY will be joined in San Francisco on 9/9/59 by IDA KINNEY, a Negro comrade of the Los Angeles area, and by the informant. KINNEY is presently in San Francisco and staying at an unknown address. It is possible that other Negro comrades from the Los Angeles area will attend these conferences in San Francisco.

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PERRY is described as a male Negro; 62 years of age; 5'6" in height; 155 pounds; wears dark suits.

IDA KINNEY is described as a female Negro; 52 years of age; 5'7" in height; 165 pounds; wears hair short and dresses in ordinary clothes.

Informant is described as [redacted] years of age; [redacted] in height; [redacted] pounds; [redacted] and a [redacted].

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Informant will arrive at [redacted] [redacted]. He will remain in San Francisco with [redacted], returning by way of [redacted].

If the opportunity presents itself, informant, using code name [redacted] will telephone San Francisco Office and ask for SA HARRY CLIFFORD. Informant will then be in a position to furnish any specific information desired by the San Francisco Office.

The date of KINNEY's return to the Los Angeles area is unknown.

PERRY will return to the Los Angeles area approximately 9/12/59.

A complete report will be furnished the Los Angeles Office by the informant upon his return from San Francisco.

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

DATE: 8/26/59

FROM: SA

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SUBJECT: CP, USA
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"The Worker", issue of 8/16/59, contained the following announcements:

Page 11, column 2 - The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship announces its annual rally for peace and friendship will be held on Sunday evening, November 15 in Carnegie Hall, NYC.

Page 16, columns 2 and 3 - A celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Communist Party will be held on Friday, September 25 at 8:00 PM, at Carnegie Hall, NYC, admission #1.

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- 1- Supervisor (41)
- 1- Supervisor C.J. RYAN (42)
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- 1- RA Kingston
- 1- RA Poughkeepsie
- 1- RA Staten Island
- 1- RA Suffern
- 1- RA White Plains
- 1- New York (97-169-D) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC.) (415)
- 1- New York (100-7518) (NCASF) (41)
- 1- New York (100-26603) (CP, USA-NYD) (416)
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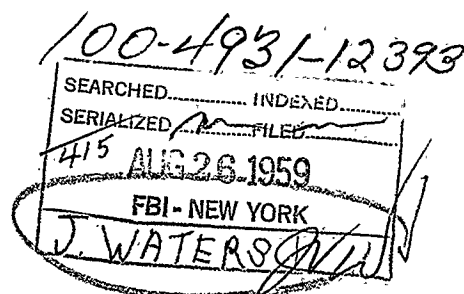
TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1931)(#421)

DATE: 8/26/59

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (#421)

SUBJECT: EAST BRONX SECTION
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1 - New York [REDACTED] INV) (#421)
1 - New York (100-26603-C40)(BRONX COUNTY CP)(#421)
1 - New York (100-62881)(LOUISE SANCHEZ)(#421)
1 - New York (100-124683)[REDACTED](#421)
1 - New York (100-135252)[REDACTED](#421)
1 - New York (100-66881)(MIRIAM SINGER)(#421)
1 - New York (100-131690)[REDACTED](#421)
1 - New York (100-55159)(EDITH ROSENBERG)(#421)
1 - New York (100-59884)(BEN RATNER)(#421)
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1 - New York (100-106044)(GAIL DAVIDOW)(#421)
1 - New York (100-128314-C)(BRONX COUNTY CP FUNDS)(#421)
1 - New York (100-13466)[REDACTED](#421)
1 - New York (100-26603-C1954)(HUNGARIAN SECTION CP)(#421)
1 - New York (100-128821)(CP, NYS - FACTIONALISM)(#416)
① - New York (100-4931)(CP, USA)(#415)
1 - New York (100-128813)(CP, NYS - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)(#416)
1 - New York (100-26603-C1945)(NORTHEAST SECTION, BRONX COUNTY CP)(#421)
1 - New York (100-13483)(BETTY GANNETT)(#421)
1 - New York (100-93665)(MIMI FRIEDLANDER)(#421)
1 - New York (100-) (SYLVIA (LNU)
1 - New York (101-559)(JESUS COLON)(#415)
1 - New York (100-26603-C1931)(#421)

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Identity of Source

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Description of Info

East Bronx Section meeting,
7/23/59

Date Received

7/31/59

Received By

SA [redacted] (written)

Original Located

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A copy of informant's report follows:

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Date of report July 25, 1959

The East Bronx Section of the Communist Party held its regular meeting on [redacted] at the home of [redacted]

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The agenda was as follows,

- 1 - Emergency fund drive for the Worker.
- 2 - A Peace discussion by [redacted] although not a member of the Section Committee, but tonight a guest.
- 3 - final plans for the open air meeting on Friday July 31, at Alden St. and So. Blvd. and
- 4 - announcements.

The following people were present, [redacted]

[redacted] of the County staff,

On the Emergency fund drive, the first point on the agenda [redacted] asked for a report, by each club organizer on the status of the drive in their particular club. [redacted] reported that his club has contributed \$210.00 to date, and last year they turned in over \$325.00, so their quota for this year was raised to \$400.00. The prospects are very good of raising the money, [redacted] would contact his people during the coming week and urge them to try and reach others and to contribute more themselves.

[redacted] said that about \$80.00 has been turned in from his club, but it is very difficult to promise much more, he has trouble collecting dues money from people, who are mostly young with children and have a hard time making ends meet now.

[redacted] questioned the quotas of various people especially GAIL and LOUISE and said that they as leading people in the Section including us here tonight should set the example by our contributions, and then to approach others.

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[] agreed with [] and said that today money is very scarce especially among young people with children, and that she does not believe in setting large quotas and then not being able to fulfill them. The Party of yesterday was very domineering in this regard but the Party of today should be more realistic and not be so forceful, there must be other means of raising money which will be more effective on our people and we should try that method.

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[] spoke her piece and became very sentimental and angry both, saying that she has pledged only \$15.00 because that is all she can afford. She is very upset because of the trend of the discussion by people here tonight and she has tried in various ways to raise money. She has visited former Party people, friends, sympathizers, and even a former fund raiser for the Party, who raised thousands of dollars in years gone by, but in all cases she has been rebuffed and refused.

In her own case, she does not feel politically responsible for raising the money, quotas are too realistic, and as for her own club around \$100.00 has been turned, all told in the Section around \$510.00. The Section is contemplating a reception in honor of [] in Sept. and expects to raise around \$1,500, then the raffle books, coin boxes and Worker subscribers are too visited and she is hopeful that the money will come in faster during the next few weeks.

GAIL could not attend this meeting tonight because she was not feeling well.

[] listened with interest at the fund drive report, and then gave her report, she did not question the sincerity of those who accepted quota and are contributing toward them, as for those who have problems, all of us are in the same category.

The Party does not expect us to take it out of our mouths or the mouths of our children to give to the drive, but there are so many ways to get money, as was outlined previously, but we must first assume some responsibility on our own, no matter

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how small, and then work for a higher goal by having house parties, picnics, and various other methods to raise money.

[] had a fund drive discussion with GAIL last Monday and GAIL refused to accept or say what quota she would take, saying she was not politically convinced for the need of the fund drive. This led to a long discussion and [] left very disappointed at the way she felt concerning the drive.

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This discussion continued for over two hours and the outcome was that each club organizer would contact his people and urge them to try to raise money as soon as possible within the next few weeks, because the need is so urgent that there is the possibility that the Worker will shut down for lack of funds.

The expense is very great in the County, also, over 100,000 leaflets for Hiroshima day are to be printed, speakers, meetings, etc. all this cost money and we in the Party have to pay for it in one way or another.

We must be in constant touch with [] so she will know just how much is coming in.

[] gave a report on the other Sections of the Bronx, the North East has contributed around \$1,200, the Hungrain is doing very good the South East is also doing good along with the Midwest. The North West, where the former County organizer is in, has turned \$200.00 over to the National Committee because of their lack of faith in the County and State leadership, but the National Committee has returned the money back to that club and reprimanding it for their lack of faith in the County and State leadership. This act by that one club was wrong, it breeds factionalism and there is only one Communist Party in the U.S. not two or three. The outcome of this was that a representative of the National Committee, one from the State, one from the County and Section meet with the club and discuss the whole matter thoroughly.

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After the fund drive discussion [] said a few words on Peace, she is here to ask the Section for help in establishing a peace organization in the community and she needs help, she is active in this movement, the potential is great but the forces are small, [] asked her to see her later and they will discuss it.

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[] outlined the open air meeting for Friday July 31, and said that the flyer would be at the Cultural Club on Saturday, and the club organizers take about 200 each and distribute them in their areas or subway stands.

On Thursday night she would have about 1,000 at her house for the meeting, they also can be picked up for distribution.

Another announcement was on the [] scholarship fund.

At the memorial meeting about \$96.00 was collected, about \$50.00 went for advertising and the meeting place and that left \$46.00 for the scholarship. The consensus of opinions was that this \$46.00 was inadequate for a scholarship fund so it was suggested that we bring this question back to the club and see if we can raise a few dollars more.

Fund drive money turned in by various Sections, North East - \$1200, West, \$1,000, South East \$216.00, Hungarian \$385.00, North West \$200.00, East Bronx \$510.00 total for Bronx County close to \$4,500.

[] expressed regret that no one from East Bronx attended Bronx County Committee last night. JESUS COLON spoke on the Cuban situation, at the next one BETTY GANNET will be contacted to speak, on the 21st Congress in the Soviet Union.

The next Section Committee meeting is to be held on Thursday Aug. 6, at possibly GAIL's house.

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[redacted] in her fund drive report said the MIMI FRIEDLANDER called her up today and they had a long discussion on that question, MIMI castigated [redacted] for the poor job the East Bronx was doing, etc, that [redacted] got very insulted and notified that the discussion ended with hurt feelings.

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Later MIMI called [redacted] back and said that she was sorry that heated words had to pass between them, but that a more realistically point of view had to be taken if we are to raise the necessary funds for the survival of the Worker.

[redacted] reminded [redacted] that next Thursday night July 30, there was a regular club meeting at SYLVIA's house and that he should contact some people.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1763) DATE: 9/3/59

FROM: SA ROMNEY STEWART

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT,
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (SCDCP)
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION	
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	Meeting of Section Organizational Secretaries, SCDCP, 8/19/59	8/31/59	writer	[redacted]	b6 b7C b7D

On 8/24/59 [redacted] furnished SA ROMNEY STEWART with a report taken in dictation by Stenographer [redacted]. Upon transcription the report was reviewed and initiated by informant on 8/31/59 as follows:

"August 24, 1959

"A meeting of Section Organizational Secretaries was held on Wednesday, August 19, 1959, at the Hungarian Hall at 8:00 p.m. Present were [redacted]

[redacted]

cc: 1 - New York (COMMUNIST PARTY, USA) - REGISTERED

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100-4663 [redacted] I)
100-44910 [redacted] (SI)
100-55183 [redacted] SI)
100-34721 [redacted] SI)
100- [redacted]

100-3267 (ACLU)
97-16 (PW)
100-14878 (COMINFIL, STEEL WORKERS UNION)
100-25365 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)

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100-20874 (C. BASS)(SI)
100-7500 (R. BOROUGH)(SI)
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[redacted] opened the meeting by handing out material, one of which was an envelope with receipts for dues and sustainer paid, and a notice of the next meeting of the District Council. Second were announcements for the 40th anniversary celebration of the Communist Party, and, third, copies of the District bulletin; finally copies of an editorial on Israel. The second point was a brief announcement on standings of the 'People's World'. Third, he announced that the agenda would be a one-point agenda, and he apologized for the fact that there would be no discussion, but it would be a long information report. The report follows.

"He said the last National Committee meeting considered two main documents which will be presented to the national convention. The first was the main political line of the Party; the second was the Negro question. Mimeographed copies of these reports will be available the first of next week. [redacted] stated he would get them to all Sections immediately. The articles will also be published in 'Political Affairs' which will be available during the first 10 days of September. All Sections were asked to order extra copies if possible.

"The national convention will be held December 10, 11, 12, and 13, 1959, in New York City. Basis of representation for delegates: For the first 300 dues paying members in good standing 3 delegates per 100, or a total of 9. For the second 200 members in good standing 2 delegates per 100 or a total of 4. After that, 1 delegate for every 75 or major fraction thereof. The southern California District, therefore, will be entitled to 16 or 18 delegates.

"On the question of the size of the delegation, [redacted] said it is probable that the cost and transportation will limit the size of the delegation. Dues to be counted must be paid from the period of October 1958 through October 1959 with the total number divided by 12 to determine average members in good standing [redacted] urged that all back dues be gotten in during this period in order to entitle the District to the

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"maximum number of votes. The delegation will be entitled to its full voting strength whether or not a full delegation is sent.

"The National Committee has also announced there will be a two months' dues assessment to finance the convention. The assessment will be equal to the monthly dues multiplied by two. The Southern solidarity assessment usually collected in September will be postponed until after the national convention. The dues assessment is to be collected immediately.

"There will be a regular publication of the national pre-convention bulletin with four issues to come out between now and the national convention. There are three requirements for any publications: (1) There must be no anonymous articles but names will not be printed if the sender requests that they not be printed; (2) a 1,500 word limit; (3) All articles must be submitted through the District and not directed to the national office.

"The opening date of the pre-convention discussion period is September 10, 1959. Other resolutions now in preparation by the National Committee include (1) organization and consolidation of the Party; (2) trade union work; (3) the Party press. There will also be a document on the preamble to the Constitution and on the Constitution itself. A Pre-Convention Constitution Committee will accept proposed amendments to the national Constitution if they are submitted through the District. He also announced there would be a referendum on the question of the Constitution.

"District Convention

stated that the following proposals are not decisions but recommendations that will be made to the next District Council meeting, and the District Council will make the decisions:

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"The Southern California District bylaws will govern the District convention.

"The convention will be held November 20, 21, and 22, 1959. The convention will be held in two parts, one session prior to the national Convention, one session following the national convention. The first session will be based on national material, discussion on national convention issues, and the election of national convention delegates. The second session will consider District problems and the election of District leadership and will be held the third week in January 1960.

"Basis of representation to the District convention: Each club is entitled to one delegate. Each Section is entitled to one delegate. A Section must be defined as a multi-club organization. Clubs functioning as Sections are entitled to only one delegate. There will be one delegate for every 10 dues paying members or major fraction thereof. There will be no Section conventions prior to the first session of the District convention. Section conventions shall be held prior to the second session of the District convention.

"Pre-convention bulletin: There will be three more issues before the November national convention. All comrades are urged to submit resolutions or discussion material to the bulletin with a deadline of the fifth of each month. There will be no anonymous articles.

"Financing of the District convention: There will be a \$5.00 registration fee for each convention delegate.

"Pre-convention discussion committees: Each Section is requested to elect a minimum of two people to serve on the following committees: (1) Constitution and Organization; (2) Resolutions. All Sections should have their names ready to be turned in at the District Council meeting to be held September 20, 1959. First meeting of the convention committees will be held on September 27, 1959. The actual convention committees such as Credentials, Technical Committee, etc., will be set up later. The District, however, requests that any Section which has typists or other technical workers who are willing to assist in mimeograph work to contact the District office immediately. The District will rent electric typewriters for home use if the comrades will help do the work. The Organizational

"Secretaries will be responsible for the preparation of material on constitutional and organizational problems, to check on the clubs and be sure they get all of the material, and that pre-convention discussions are held, and to help the Sections master organizational techniques in preparation for the conventions.

"Referendum

[redacted] announced that the referendum relates to a national referendum question on Article 5, Section 5, of the national Constitution, which deals with the manner in which the National Committee is elected and the size of the National Committee. The National Executive Committee has proposed that Section 5 of Article 5 be set aside and that the Districts not abide by this constitutional provision. The National Committee objected to the action of the National Executive Committee and proposed instead that the question be submitted to a referendum vote and that the question be phrased to amend the Constitution so the manner and size of vote at national conventions shall be determined by the coming national convention, or in effect that this clause will not be operative until the coming national convention decides the whole issue.

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"(This question is so important because [redacted] in a private conversation later, stated that the issue involved in this question was of such furious import at the National Committee meeting that the National Executive Committee and the National Committee members were calling each other names and accusing each other of undemocratic and dictatorial actions. [redacted] stated flatly that he had no confidence in what form the national ballot might be presented to the members, and he as a matter of fact was definitely of the opinion that the ballot would not in any way resemble the question as it was voted upon by the National Committee; therefore, he said he had taken a verbatim note of the formulation voted upon by the National Committee and if the national ballot does not conform, the District will refuse to use the national ballot.)

"Dues

[] announced that the Southern California District has been functioning under an incorrect dues schedule and that the National Committee has been pocketing the money without notifying the District that we were paying too high a dues rate. He said it was purely by accident that the District learned that we are paying a higher dues rate than is provided in the national schedule. He suggested that the Sections correct their dues schedule to the following:

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"Unemployed and students - 15 cents

"Housewives and take-home
pay up to \$50 a week - 50 cents

"The following are all per week take-home pay:

\$51 to \$90	\$1.00
\$91 to \$120	- \$2.00
Over \$120	\$5.00

"People's World" Drive

"The District hopes to end the 'People's World' drive by the time of the picnic; however, the difference between the drive quota and the actual needs of the paper is around \$26,000. 84.5% has been achieved in the drive; however, there have been some real problems since many of the Sections instead of raising the total amount of the quota actually cut the quota, which means that the other forms utilized to help subsidize the paper must raise additional funds. These forms are the annual picnic, the annual banquet, and the annual bazaar. He urged full support to the picnic on Sunday, August 23, 1959, by all Sections.

"He announced the annual banquet would be held September 26, 1959, in honor of CHARLOTTA BASS and RUBEN BOROUGH. The guest speaker will be HARVEY O'CONNER of the ACLU. He spent some time discussing the utilization of the banquet as a donors banquet. He said the Party has not ordinarily used the banquet in this way, although most of the mass organizations have. He suggested that the Sections send donors if this method will help to build the banquet.

"He said the paper is now organizing a volunteer writers committee which will broaden the paper and direct it more closely toward community life and problems. Writers have been recruited from some of the unions and various mass organizations.

"He announced that the 'People's World' Party Committee, which was meeting once a month, has been very unsuccessful, but said they would try it one more month and urged that all Sections try to guarantee that the 'People's World' Director attends this meeting.

"Steel Strike

[] stated that the Party is very much concerned about the conduct of the steel strike, first, because of the weaknesses in the way the strike is being conducted by the Steel Workers Union, the absence of any strike relief benefits, the difficulty the strikers are encountering in obtaining jobs, the characterization of the strike by the union as an employer gimmick to cut inventories and get a price increase, and that there is nothing, therefore, to worry about. It is just a matter of sweating out the time until the companies cut its inventories satisfactorily.

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[] stated that this is an entirely erroneous characterization and unless the Steel Workers Union begins to realize that the aim of the employers is to destroy the union, the union may be dangerously weakened. He stated a Party leaflet on some of the ideological question will be ready for distribution in the next week or 10 days. He stated it is necessary to force the Steel Workers Union to play a community role and urged that all Sections visit the Steel Workers Subdistrict office and ask for speakers to be sent to various organizations where the questions of the strike can be taken up.

"Finally, he announced the 40th anniversary celebration of the Party which will be held October 10, 1959, with GUS HALL as the speaker. The meeting will be held at the Embassy Auditorium, and no tickets will be sold in advance. He urged all Sections and clubs to organize small similar events in celebration of the 40th anniversary wherever possible.

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"The meeting was adjourned about 10:30 p.m."

ACTION: A photograph of GRETCHEN MILLER (JONES) (100-34721-1a2) taken in 1951 was shown to informant on 8/31/59. She stated that this photograph appears to be identical with "GRETCHEN" in instant report although she is now wearing her hair combed straight back.

Informant was also shown the photograph of NATHAN SAPIRO (100-20122-1a3) taken in 1951. This photograph is not very clear and informant could not identify it as being identical with the NATHAN reported herein. Photographs of NATHAN HIRSCH (100-25239-1a6) taken in December, 1956, were also shown to informant. These photographs were enlarged from motion picture frames and were not clear. However, she did state one of these photographs was similar to the NATHAN in instant report but could not definitely identify him. It should be noted that the last serial in the HIRSCH file indicates he moved from Los Angeles and as of April, 1957, was living in the area of Elsinore, California, and, therefore, probably is not identical inasmuch as the NATHAN in instant report was from either the East Hollywood Section or the Echo Park Section of the SCDCP. For this reason no copy is being placed in either the HIRSCH or SAPIRO file at this time.

Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could add nothing further to the above.

The name HARVEY O'CONNER is being indexed to this memo.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

Date received 9/3/59	Received from (name or symbol number) 	Received by SA JAMES P. HALLERON
Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks) ☐ in person ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☐ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by Informant		
If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: <u>Date</u> Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant: _____		Date of Report Exhibit Date(s) of activity Current
Brief description of activity or material ~~2 tickets - Horizons of the Future to celebrate~~ ~~40 years of CP 9/25/59 - Carnegie Hall, obtain-~~ ~~ed by at meeting of 11th A.D.~~		File where original is located if not attached 100-4931-1A760
Remarks: Harlem CP club held 8/14/59		

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BOSTON (100-18211)

DATE: 9/8/59

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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b7DSUBJECT: CP, INDUSTRIAL GROUP
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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity should be concealed by the use of a T symbol, was contacted on 8/26/59 by SA [REDACTED] at which time he furnished a two-page written report dated 8/26/59 the original of which is maintained as Boston File [REDACTED]. This report was as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was the chairman and [REDACTED] assisted the chairman.

"Some time was spent awaiting the arrival of [REDACTED]. They did not attend."

[REDACTED] handles the finance and it was stated by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] has the tickets that were made up for the meeting in Sept. This meeting originally planned for Sept. 11 is to be on Sept. 12, at Community Church on Boylston St. Admission 75¢ per person.

"The principal speaker (Mr. George Morris is said to have traveled extensively in Russia and can give a good representation of Russia, with a movie camera to show pictures as well.)"

"The meeting got off to an unscheduled start at about 9 pm with five members present. Namely -- [REDACTED]"

"It was stated that about two copies of a draft resolution were available and was supposed to have been discussed but will be discussed in our next

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COPIES TO:

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(1- 100- , CP, USA) (RM)

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(PEGGY SCHIRMER)

100-16191

(CP FUNDS)

100-1350

(COMMUNITY CHURCH CENTER)

100-22122

(GEORGE MORRIS)

100-775

(HOMER CHASE)

100-20785

(CP - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

100-23165

(CP - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES)

100-18169

(CP - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)

100-20778

(CP - MEMBERSHIP)

100-20779

(CP - ORGANIZATION)

meeting, at which time each member should have read same.

"There was much to say about the two heads of nations visiting abroad. Within the framework of the C.P. USA the thought is that Premier Krush's presence here will push the American Communist ahead.

"A suggestion was presented by [redacted] to recommend the release of all political prisoners to match the statement of the premier -- 'There are no political prisoners in Russia. [redacted] is saying that if there are no political prisoners in Russia, there should be no political prisoners in America. He reiterated that there would never be another opportunity like this to demand the release of all political prisoners in these United States.

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"Homer continues to stress the success of the news letter.

"Party dues were paid to [redacted] [redacted] stated that he would turn the dues over to Peggie.

"There was no literature.

"The meeting ended at 10:30 pm.

"This is all the information I have at the present time."

All necessary action has been taken with respect to the above information.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND

DATE: 9/14/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT : CP, USA, NYD,
NATIONAL GROUPS
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1-Cleveland (100-) (GUS HALL) (RM)
1-New York [redacted] Inv.) (423)
1-New York (100-26776) [redacted]
1-New York (100-56820) [redacted]
1-New York (100-20241) [redacted]
1-New York (100-82382) [redacted] (425)
1-New York (100-68196) [redacted] (31)
1-New York (100-58535) [redacted] 416)
1-New York (100-56579) [redacted]
1-New York (100-14691) (ABNER GREEN) (41)
1-New York (100-128809) (CP, USA, NYD, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (416)
1-New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (412)
1-New York (100-4931) (CP, USA) (415)
1-New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
1-New York (100-54651) (CP, USA, NATIONAL GROUPS) (415)
1-New York (100-128816) (416)

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NY 100-128816

Identity of Source:

[redacted] who has furnished
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Description of info:

[redacted]

Date Received:

8/24/59

Received by:

SA LE ROY W. SHEETS (written)

Original located:

[redacted]

On 8/24/59 informant further identified [redacted] as

[redacted]

A copy of informant's report follows:

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[REDACTED]

There were excuses given for not being present for the Poles and Hungarians.

The main report was given by [REDACTED] on the steel strike. He emphasized that this is the basic industry of our economy, were the strongest and most ruthless bunch is. They are out to weaken labor, disorient its leaders, stop the 30-35 hour work week movement; there is definite coincidence of the strike and labor laws being debated in Washington. Critizes MEANY and praised RUTHER's suggesting that labor contribute financially to the steel strikes. He said the Party is sending out "our leaders in the area" to the limit of our possibilities [REDACTED] had just been back from the Anthracite, and ALBERTSON is visiting the Pittsburg area. He also stated that GUS HALL has been in the Youngstown area. He stated that many steel workers are willing to talk to us now. We must contact every person available in the area. If today you see better picket lines, near the striking gates, it is because we have moved every available rock.

[REDACTED] urged all those present to do likewise. You know very well the national group composition in the area. You may say that most of our people, and friends of the old struggles, are old today. This is true, and it is also true that in the steel plants you have younger, inexperienced people. Our old friends can definitely be influential today.....We must write more and more in our papers about the strike.

[REDACTED] also informed that the Party Convention will take place on December 10-13. The material for discussion on the two main points as formulated by the National Office will be out soon. The two points are: 1. Political analysis; 2. On the Negro question.

NY 100-128816

The 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Party will take place at Carnegie Hall, on Friday, Sept. 25th, 8:00 p.m. Admission 1 dollar. The Party will try to have a different kind of celebration, by inviting people who are not even Communists. Among those expected to speak are: DU BOIS, TIM BUCK and MAURINIELLO (if the State Dept. doesn't allow them admission in the country, their speeches will be recorded (I'm referring to the last two), O'CASEY, the playwright. Tickets were distributed.

[redacted] touched on the establishment of regular national group commissions. He was informed that ABNER GREENE had called a meeting for this purpose, but that since then nothing has materialized. He said that he will take up the matter with the state CP leaders and see what happened. [redacted] and [redacted] to keep in touch with him on this subject.

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The meeting closed at 10:25 p.m.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C263)(#422)

DATE: 9/14/59

FROM : SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (#422)

SUBJECT: BEDFORD-STUYVESANT SECTION
KINGS COUNTY CP
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Identity of Source

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reliable information in the
past (conceal)

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Description of Info

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Date Received

8/21/59

Received By

SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (orally)

Original Located

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The following information was furnished by [redacted]
on 8/21/59 and authenticated by [redacted] on 8/28/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

1 - New York [redacted] INV)(#422)
1 - New York (100-26603-C43)(KINGS COUNTY CP)(#422)
1 - New York (100-138893) [redacted] (#422)
1 - New York (100-99369) [redacted] (#422)
1 - New York (100-85936) [redacted] (#422)
1 - New York (100-110783) [redacted] (#422)
1 - New York (100-107856) [redacted] (#422)
1 - New York (100-96627) [redacted] (#422)
1 - New York (100-52959) (CHARLES LOMAN)(#422)
1 - New York (100-109202) (JOHN DUIMOVICH)(#422)
1 - New York (100-16241) (BETTY DUIMOVICH)(#422)
1 - New York (100-133724) (JESSE KERN)(#422)
① - New York (100-4931)(CP, USA)(#416)
1 - New York (100-26603-C263)(#422)

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The following were present: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The meeting consisted mostly of announcements and no actual work for the section was accomplished.

The following meetings were announced:

1. 8/29/59 at [REDACTED] - Going away party on [REDACTED]
2. Bedford Stuyvesant Conference 9/13/59 - no place set.
3. 8/27/59 at 1110 Eastern Parkway - County membership meeting.
4. NYSCP Convention 11/27-29/59 - no place announced.
5. County CP Convention - October, 1959
6. All Section Conventions - September, 1959

In addition to the above, it was announced that JOHN and BETTY DUIMOVICH had returned from Europe and that JESSE KERN was working for WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and that he had given up his other outside employment.

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RE: NEW YORK

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-1)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-7500)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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ARTHUR JAMES CHASE, Organizer, CP, USA, New England District, announced at meeting of District Committee held 9/19/59, Lynn, Massachusetts, that an Eastern Seaboard Conference would be held the week end of September 25-27, 1959, at New York City, N.Y. CHASE stated the Conference was being held for the purpose of discussing the ideological struggle within the Party and also ways and means of consolidating and building the Party.

The above was orally furnished by [redacted] on 9/14/59.

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RE: NEW YORK

cc: 3-Direct (100-3-1) (RM)
(2 - 100-3-1, CP, USA, NATIONALISM)
(2-New York (100-4921) (RM)
(1 - 100-75211 CP, USA, NATIONALISM)
3-Direct (100-7500)
(1 - 100-37647 OSNY)
(1 - [redacted])

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)(#415)

DATE: 9/15/59

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (#42)

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b7DSUBJECT: CP, USA
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reliable information in the past
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Description of Info Activity at CP Headquarters

Date Received 9/3/59

Received By SA [REDACTED] (written-informant
and agent)

Original Located [REDACTED]

A copy of informant's report follows:

- 1 - New York [REDACTED] INV)(#42)
- 1 - New York (100-129822 [REDACTED] #422)
- 1 - New York (100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK)(#415)
- 1 - New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)(#416)
- 1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS)(#415)
- 1 - New York (100-21421) (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)(#415)
- 1 - New York (100-26603) CP, NYS)(#416)
- 1 - New York (100-4931)(#415)

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Activities at CP headquarters from 10:35 - 12:00 were: [redacted] was typing two stencils for LOUIS WEINSTOCK. ALBERTSON's sec'y said he was expected any minute, when ESTHER CANTOR arrived for a meeting, which was supposed to begin around 11:00. BEN DAVIS arrived and spoke with WEINSTOCK, TRACHTENBERG came in and went upstairs.

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ALBERTSON did not arrive before 12:00. He telephoned at 11:30 to say he was delayed.

A person who had been waiting for ALBERTSON asked him whether a person could join the CP without telling the CP where she worked. ALBERTSON had previously invited her to his office, when at the conclusion of his class at the Faculty of Social Science, she had asked him about the responsibilities of a CP member. He said then that he had a copy at his office which he could give her. ALBERTSON said it was necessary to give the name of the place in which she worked as it was necessary to know something about her. Then he said it would be possible to arrange that this info. be given to only one person -- the person she could trust -- that perhaps only the one head of the club in which she joined would be the one or know who the other trusted party was so that she could reach her in a hurry if need be.

He sold her a ticket to the 40th Anniversary Rally and said he'd see her.

It was noticed that Daily Worker flyers were bundled up for pickup: 8,000 for Brooklyn, 1,000 for Queens, 500 for Nassau and 1,000 for the Village.

ALBERTSON's sec'y had referred to calls to OREGON 9-5540. ALBERTSON also said there were no national records kept of CP membership.

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TO : SAC, New York (100-4931)

DATE: September 17, 1959

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (100-3)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
IS-C*per 226*
per 12265 Sec 231
Reurlets 8-29-58 and 3-5-59.

Review relets and advise Bureau of any changes in the composition of Communist Party, USA, committees and commissions since submission of relet dated 3-5-59.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-9851)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
CONNECTICUT DISTRICT
IS - C - CINAL

GROUP: CONNECTICUT CIVIL RIGHTS BAIL FUND
DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE MEETING (CCRBFDG)
PLACE: 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut
DATE: September 13, 1959
INFORMATION FROM: [REDACTED] (Written Report)
INFORMATION TO: SA EDWARD H. GALL
FURNISHED ON: September 14, 1959
LOCATION: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past,
was present at the above mentioned meeting, and furnished the
following written report:

(See Page 1A for copies)

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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3 - Bureau
1 - Charlotte (100-) (J. SCALES)
1 - Cleveland (100-) (CLEVELAND TAFT HARTLEY VICTIMS)
1 - Denver (100-) (DENVER SMITH ACT VICTIMS)
② - New York (100-) (CP, USA)
 (100-) (CP, USA, FUNDS)
1 - San Francisco (100-) (POWELL SCHUMAN FUND)

20 - New Haven
 (1 - 100-9851) (CP, USA, CONN. DISTRICT)
 (1 - 100-16472) (CINAL)
 (1 - 100-) (CCRBFDG)
 (1 - 100-11228) [REDACTED]
 (1 - 100-11821) (S. RESNICK)
 (1 - 100-1676) (F. PETERSON)
 (1 - 100-2000) (J. WILLARD)
 (1 - 100-10795) (J. DIMOW)
 (1 - 100-14507) [REDACTED]
 (1 - 100-1873) (S. TAYLOR)
 (1 - 100-10787) (R. EKINS)
 (1 - [REDACTED])
 (1 - 100-10965) [REDACTED]
 (1 - 100-1508) (PHIL LARACCA)
 (1 - 100-2254) (W. UPHAUS)
 (1 - 100-10640) (CP, FUNDS)
 (1 - 100-6455) (F. FAZEKAS)
 (1 - 100-12123) (W. PISTEY)
 (1 - 100-9161) (M. SYKES)
 (1 - 100-8524) (O. ARSENAULT)

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"Connecticut Civil Rights Bail Fund Distribution Committee Meeting. Meeting held at 37 Howe St., New Haven, Conn. Sept. 13, 1959 10 A.M.

"(Written 9-13,59)

"JOE DIMOW read the minutes of the last meeting.

"Co-Chairman, [redacted] said \$1350.00 (Outstanding Bail Fund Money) had been given to Committee Members of the Hartford & New Britain, and Bridgeport Areas to be paid to holders of Certificates.

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[redacted] asked for reports from the Committees. JOSEPHINE WILLARD said, of the \$350.00 she received for the Fairfield County Area, \$200.00 had been paid.

"BOB EKINS said, he had paid a portion of the \$1000.00 that he received for the Hartford & New Britain area. He didn't give the amount.

"JOE DIMOW suggested that all Certificates (paid ones) be given to him, thereby, he could keep all Certificates together until 1961, then they could be destroyed.

[redacted] said We have \$7465.00 of the Bail Fund that's not outstanding and motions can be made to appropriate money to different Civil Rights cases.

"SIDNEY TAYLOR made a motion to give \$1000.00 to the Communist Party U.S.A. to fight the MC CARRAN Act, \$350.00 to the employees who were fired from General Electric's, Bridgeport, plant, & \$100.00 to WILLARD UPHAUS.

"SIDNEY RESNICK made a motion that \$100.00 be sent to the Cleveland Taft Hartley Victims, and \$100.00 Dollars to JUNUS SCALES, and \$100.00 to the Powell

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& Schulman Case.

"CARL BENTLEY made a motion to send another \$50.00 for the Denver, Smith Act Case.

[] said money had been raised elsewhere for WILLARD UPHAUS and we shouldn't appropriate any money to him until we have had a talk with him.

[] also said \$1000.00 is too much to send for the MC CARRAN Act. \$350.00 is too much to send to the fired G. E. Workers. We don't want them to think we have a reserve supply of cash.

"So after a long discussion on the amount of money to be appropriated, votes were taken on different amounts to be sent to different case.

"\$1000.00 to Communist Party, U.S.A.
\$300.00 fired G. E. Workers.
\$100.00 Powell & Schulman.
\$100.00 Junus Scales
\$100.00 Cleveland Taft Hartley Victims
\$50.00 Denver Smith Act Victims.

"Next meeting will be held the second Sunday of January, 1960.

"Names of people attending meeting:

[]
SIDNEY RESNICK
FRANK PEDERSEN
JOSEPHINE WILLARD
JOE DIMOW
[]
SIDNEY TAYLOR
BOB EKINS
[]
PHIL LARACCA."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

201 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York

9/22/59

[Redacted] Agent

New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

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Dear [Redacted]

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you furnish listings for the following telephone numbers:

CLoverdale 2-3762

Your personal attention in protecting the confidential nature of our inquiry in this matter is greatly appreciated and I wish to express my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

H. G. Foster

H. G. FOSTER
Special Agent in Charge

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1931)(#421)

DATE: 9/22/59

FROM : SA EDWARD G. ASTFALK (#421)

SUBJECT: EAST BRONX SECTION
BRONX COUNTY CP
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1 - New York [REDACTED] (IN) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C40) (BRONX COUNTY CP) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-128814) (CP, NYS - ORGANIZATION) (#416)
 1 - New York (100-128809) (CP, NYS - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (#416)
 1 - New York (100-128314-C) (BRONX COUNTY CP FUNDS) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-128812) (CP, NYS - POLITICAL ACTIVITY) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-129474) [REDACTED] (#421)
 1 - New York (100-128796) (BRONX INDEPENDENTS) (#414)
 1 - New York (100-62881) [REDACTED]
 1 - New York (100-89179) [REDACTED] (1)
 1 - New York (100-133566) [REDACTED] (#421)
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 1 - New York (100-108992) [REDACTED] (#421)
 1 - New York (100-135246) [REDACTED] (#421)
 1 - New York (100-93665) [REDACTED] (#421)
 1 - New York (97-169) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (#415)
 1 - New York (100-) ((FNU) HARRINGTON) (#42)
 1 - New York (100-118525) (BRONX CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE) (#41)
 1 - New York (100-89691) (CP, USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION) (#415)
 1 - New York (100-106044) (GAIL DAVIDOW) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-4931) (CP, USA) (#415)
 1 - New York (100-66881) (MIRIAM SINGER) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-59884) (BEN RATNER) (#421)
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Identity of Source

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reliable information in the
past (conceal)

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Description of Info

Report of a Prospect CP club
meeting. [redacted]
[redacted]

Date Received:

9/8/59

Received By

SA EDWARD G. ASTFALK (written)

Original Located

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A copy of informant's report follows:

NY 100-26603-C1931

September 4, 1959

Report of a regular Communist Party (CP) Club meeting, at the apartment of [redacted]
[redacted]

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The following members were present: [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Also present was
[redacted] County Organizer of the Communist Party.

Prior to the start of the meeting, [redacted] collected dues from [redacted] also contributed \$10 to the Worker Fund Drive. [redacted] sold tickets to CP 40 year celebration for Friday, 9/25/59, at Carnegie Hall. She gave [redacted] tickets on consignment.

[redacted] explained to [redacted] at the beginning of the meeting, that the club was to discuss and vote on reorganization at the meeting, and, since only a few members were present, she suggested to [redacted] that if she had any items that she wanted to discuss, it would be best for her to do so at the start of the meeting.

[redacted] stated that she knew that the Club was to discuss and vote on reorganization and that was one of the reasons she was in attendance. [redacted] then spoke on the Labor Day Parade and the coming Primaries in Manhattan and the Bronx.

Relative to the labor Day Parade, [redacted] urged the comrades to attend and participate. She suggested to them that if they were in a position to influence what was to be written on the various signs to be carried in the parade this would be an excellent area for the comrades to utilize their talents. [redacted] suggested that, if possible, the comrades urge the writing of signs calling for the support of the steel strike; calling for opposition to the recently passed anti-labor bill; and calling for peace.

[redacted] also stated the the party needs workers on the day of the parade to hand out special leaflets indicating the

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CP's position on labor and the labor bills and also for people to sell the Worker. These people, she said, would be located where the various trade unions would gather.

[redacted] volunteered to help with this aspect of the parade. When [redacted] suggested that [redacted] handle his local at the rendezvous area [redacted] said that it wouldn't be wise for [redacted] to do that. [redacted] agreed with [redacted] on this point and stated further that the only club member who could do that work at the rendezvous areas, with a degree of safety, was [redacted]. It was her position that it would not be wise to have any other of the comrades involved in that type of activity at the parade.

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[redacted] suggested that for the Primaries that the comrades, where possible, work with the Bronx Independents. In Manhattan, she said, a man by the name of FNU HARRINGTON has assumed a role similar to MARC's and has occupied MARC's old headquarters at 83rd St. and 1st Ave., New York City. It is felt that when [redacted] referred to MARC, she had reference to VITO MARGANTONIO.

When [redacted] finished with her report, the question of reorganization was then discussed.

[redacted] called on [redacted] to speak first. [redacted] stated that both sides on the question of reorganization were in complete agreement that it is fundamental to have a good neighborhood CP club its members should live in the neighborhood. However, he said, one should be both practical and realistic. This club, he said, has some six or eight members who do not live in the area but who are capable and interested in doing the party's work. He said that he could not speak for anyone on this question but only for himself. He said that he read in various CP literature and that he has heard it discussed that an important feature or facet of the CP's program is the work to be done with the Negro Puerto Rican peoples. [redacted] said that in his opinion there is no Irish oppression therefore, he, for the present, could be best suited for work among the Negro-Puerto Rican peoples and membership in club affords him the opportunity to do so. He said that he would work to the best of his ability in this area.

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[] didn't say too much only that she would like to stay in the club rather than be transferred.

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[] was for reorganizing the club. She stated that only those who lived in the neighborhood could participate in neighborhood organizations and/or associations. She gave as examples the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and church organizations and local political organizations. It was in these areas that comrades in a neighborhood club have to be active, she said, and they can only do so by living in the neighborhood. She said that she recognized that there are strong ties among the club members who are also members of the Bronx Committee for Civil Liberties (BCLC) but they should know that wherever they go in any CP club strong friendships are formed.

[] stated that she was opposed to reorganization. She felt that regardless of where an individual lived that members could work effectively in a CP club. She said that it used to be in the CP that members were recruited rather freely and she agreed with this former position of the CP, but, now she said, there is a desire on the part of some to transfer people out of one club and send them to another. [] said that she couldn't understand this kind of reasoning and that she was opposed to it. She made specific reference to [] work on the Amnesty Campaign for HENRY WINSTON. She said that he has secured more signatures for HENRY WINSTON's amnesty than anyone in the country. She said that he knows and understands the problems of the Negro people and can, and has, worked successfully with them. She also stated that [] couldn't work in his own neighborhood because that would be dangerous and he would be exposed as a Communist. As for [] said that if he was transferred to another club, she would never see him again. [] said that she would not go to a club in her neighborhood unless she was ordered to go.

[] asked a question on the kinds of clubs in the CP. He said that in his opinion [] and [] covered the pros and cons of reorganization rather thoroughly.

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[] stated that he was in favor of working in a club in his neighborhood. [] said that [] is in his neighborhood.

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[] said that he liked belonging to this club but he had been asked by friends of his in Harlem to join their club.

On the vote for reorganization those voting in favor were: [] and [] Those opposed were [] [], and [] Since the voting resulted in a tie, [] requested permission to vote for GAIL. [] replied that she couldn't vote for GAIL. [] suggested that the absent members of the club be polled as to whether or not they favor reorganization. [] objected on the grounds that it wouldn't be fair to either side. He stated that those individuals had not participated in the discussions and, as a result, he failed to see how they could vote intelligently on the subject.

Prior to the vote, [] stated that the "County" had initiated the question of reorganization because the County felt that the party's work could best be handled by comrades working within clubs in their own neighborhoods. She said that if the club members voted to reorganize then the County would institute the necessary machinery to discuss with the members to be transferred as to the best possible club for them to enter.

She said that she disagreed with [] that there is no Irish oppression. She said that there is oppression of the Irish. However, she failed to point out one instance of Irish oppression.

[] advised [] not to confuse a CP member working in his neighborhood as exposure of that individual as a Communist. [] stated that the CP has hundreds of comrades working in their communities as Communists who are not exposed as Communists.

She pointed out that [] could be more effective working with Irish groups. [] more effective working with Italian groups. She stated that she and [] had already discussed that possibility.

[] applauded [] for doing an outstanding job in organizing the club and for her work with BCLC on the question of civil rights and that the County is thinking seriously of forming a Commission. This Commission, she said, would include, among others, members of the BCLC.

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[] interrupted to say that the question of forming a Commission is not the issue so there is no need to discuss it now. [] also attempted to treat lightly the question of reorganization. [] appeared perturbed by [] remarks and stated strongly that the County regards the question of the reorganization of the club as very important.

When [] finished, [] suggested that because the County has an overview of the situation relative to the CP and a successful program, and due to the fact that the voting on reorganization resulted in a tie, then, he said, let the County decide on the question of reorganization. He said that he felt that the question had been thoroughly discussed and he saw no further need for discussion of the subject. He preferred, he said, to discuss the question of developing positive implementation of the party's programs.

There was no further discussion on the question, nor was there any decision as to what to do about it. In response to [] suggestion, [] said that she would like to decide on reorganization but the CP does not work that way. [] was opposed to [] suggestion and said that according to CP procedure the club members would decide what to do.

It was decided to have the next regular meeting in two weeks on a Tuesday night. [] stated that [] might not be able to make it that night because he and her husband have meetings on Tuesday nights. There was no elaboration about the kind of meetings and where they were held. It was also decided not to discuss the question of reorganization at the next meeting.

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[] asked about the coming CP Convention and who was permitted to go. Both [] stated that the Convention is discussed at a club meeting called for that specific purpose.

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After the meeting [] discussed with [] his views on reorganization. He stated that in his opinion those who argued that the best work in any neighborhood can be done only by those living there is somewhat incorrect and incomplete. He explained that this kind of reasoning would deprive the CP of the talents and capabilities of individuals simply because they didn't live in a specific neighborhood. [] disagreed with him, but agreed that in some situations his statement is correct. [] repeated his suggestion that the County decide on whether or not the club should reorganize.

[] interrupted to ask to whom she should give the money she collected for the evening for the CP. [] said that the Section Committee meeting is on Thursday evening, 9/3/59, at [] bring it then and give it to GAIL. [] asked if BEN RATNER was still in the hospital. [] said that he was. There was no indication as to the extent and type of his illness.

Also, [] after the meeting, scored [] or voting in favor of reorganization. She said that she knew the clubs that he and [] were to be transferred. She did not speak highly of the members of the clubs [] asked her if she already knew then why all this discussion on reorganization. [] did not reply.

[] said that [] was correct relative to the question of reorganization. [] replied that [] doesn't know too much seeing that she never belonged to a neighborhood club. She stated that [] could be wrong; that the County could be wrong. She reminded him that STALIN was shown to be wrong.

[] then said that she wouldn't be opposed to reorganization. If [] and [] had been in the party for at least 3 years. Later on, she said that she would like to keep the club together for a few more months.

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[redacted] in her defense of keeping the club together, stated that there are CP members in the BCLC who are from many different sections of the CP and this did not prevent them from working successfully in the BCLC.

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The CPUSA is holding an Eastern Regional Conference at Adelphi Hall, 9/26 and 27/59. In order to properly maintain security coverage of this operation during this period of time, it will be necessary for two agents to remain in the building for a 16 to 20 hour period of time. It is, therefore, requested that authority be granted to buy one folding cot to be used in this temporary plant. This cot will be placed on office inventory at the end of the meeting.

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1-New York (100-128314) (CP, USA, NYD, FUNDS) (416)
1-New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (412)
1-New York (100-135252) () (421)
1-New York (100-56) (MIKE DAVIDOW) (416)
1-New York (100-124683) () (421)
1-New York (100-59884) (BEN RATNER) (421)
1-New York (100-131690) (HERSCHEL APFELBERGER) (421)
1-New York (100-13466) () (421)
1-New York (100-) (OSCAR BORENSTEIN) (421)
1-New York (97-169) (THE WORKER) (415)
1-New York (100-112292) (ANN BITTMAN) (421)
1-New York (100-4931) (CP, USA) (415)
1-New York (100-62881) (LOUISE SANCHEZ) (421)
1-New York (100-66881) (MIRIAM SINGER) (421)
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A copy of informant's report follows:

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Date of report Aug. 21, 1959

The East Bronx Section of the Communist Party held a meeting on Thursday (8-20-59) night at [redacted] house.

The following agenda was proposed when the meeting got under way after nine o'clock.

- 1-Fund Drive
- 2-[redacted] Affair on Sept. 26.
- 3-GUS HALL meeting on Aug. 27 at Hunts Point Palace
- 4-Carnegie Hall meeting

[redacted] arrived at [redacted] house about 8:15 P.M. The evening was very hot [redacted] her husband, was at home and [redacted] prepared some iced coffee while waiting for the others to come.

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[redacted] came first followed by [redacted] then [redacted] from [redacted] club, then [redacted] & [redacted]

The first point on the Fund drive was a general discussion on what each club has turned in to date; the total from all four clubs is about \$633. This amount, although rather small, has increased in the last few weeks and if we put a little more effort into the drive a more substantial amount can be raised.

The fund drive is long past the half way mark and if we are to reach our goal of \$2500 (not counting the proceeds of the [redacted] affair) we must contact our people, friends, sympathizers, use the collection boxes, the chance books, and visit the people whom we know who subscribe to the Worker and then will we reach our goal. Also we must not forget our own personal quota, if possible to increase it substantially.

The discussion centered around each club and it was agreed that they all got off to a slow start, but from now on a greater effort will be made to see and discuss with the members the need for them to give or to do so as soon as possible.

[redacted] contributed five dollars toward the fund drive, [redacted] gave [redacted] \$25.00 from ANN BITTMAN for the drive.

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The next point was on the [] affair and again a general discussion followed, before the meeting [] gave [] a list of names and a box of invitations for the reception which was going to be held at the Hungarian restaurant on 181 St. and So. Blvd. on Sat night Sept. 26. the tickets were \$2.50 and two tickets were to be mailed to each person [] was going to prepare the mailing list.

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The question of entertainment was discussed and contacts were made and others were going to be made for a singer and other entertainers.

The question of a chairman or toastmaster was brought up and a Jewish person known to [] and [] was proposed.

Another person who would introduce [] and urge a collection in his honor also was proposed and named.

The question, and there was no immediate solution to it, was centered around the name of the cause for which this money would be used for. In a more clearer term, for what purpose was this money collected to be used for certainly not for the Worker, or fund drive, nor the Party etc. [] objected very strongly in trying to deceive the people by saying that this money collected was going to be used for a youth organization in the neighborhood, (because [] is connected with the Y.W. and YMHA) when we know that is going for the fund drive of the Party.

The reason for this is that those people attending might not be Party people or might be people who have left the Party or might be sympathizers who would object if this money raised was used for the Worker or the Party.

The outcome of this discussion was that some reason would be worked out by the Committee including [] & [] and they would come up with a suitable name or reason for the collection.

Another means of collection was to pass out envelopes

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to each one and they in turn would donate something, but this method was deemed not feasible because many people would not use the envelope or would not put as substantial amount in the envelope as they would if given openly where everyone would see it.

Finally every member here should publicize the affair and if anyone has a mailing list to help [] to mail some of the invitations.

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The next point was on the Carnegie hall affair celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Communist Party in the U.S.

This affair unfortunately is the day before the East Bronx Section affair for Rappy but it was unavoidable, nevertheless we should try and attend tickets are available at \$1.00 each and each club organizer should take about twenty-five tickets, distribute them among the club, friends, former Party people, and sympathizers, a large turnout should be guaranteed to make this affair a huge success.

On Thursday night Aug. 27 the Bronx County Communist Party is holding a meeting in honor of GUS HALL, who is in the city, this meeting will be held in the East Bronx Section because a larger turnout is anticipated due to the number of people away on vacation, in other areas of the Bronx and also because it is a working class area mainly of Negro and Puerto Rican.

Tickets are also available twenty-five to each club and it is suggested that each person mail out these invitations to the membership, former Party people and others who would welcome GUS HALL.

The meeting would be sponsored by the Freedom of the Press Committee and it would be held at the Hunts Point Palace on 163rd St. and So. Blvd. starting at 8 P.M.

[] was going away for a vacation and the next meeting would be held at LOUISE's house on Thursday Sept. 3.

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[redacted] said that he was going into the Veterans Hospital on Friday for a check on his eyes, he is suffering with them for a number of months, he has not worked in all that time, so if he is not around for the next few weeks, and funds come in for the drive they can be forwarded to MIRIAM SINGER the Bx. County financial Sec.

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 1 - New York (100-26603-C1931) (EAST BRONX SECTION, BRONX COUNTY CP) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-166495) (FREEDOM OF THE PRESS COMMITTEE) (#415)
 1 - New York (100-93665) (MIMI FRIEDLANDER) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-62881) (LOUISE SANCHEZ) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-55159) (EDITH ROSENBERG) (#421)
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 1 - New York (100-) (NORA (LNU), from Northeast Section, per) (#421)
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 1 - New York (100-81658) (FRANK HASHMALL) (#421)
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- 1 - New York (100-133090) (NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY) (#414)
- 1 - New York (100-97167) (POLITICAL AFFAIRS) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-59884) (BEN RATNER) (#421)
- 1 - New York (97-169) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-83865) (SYLVIA BOGROW) (#421)
- 1 - New York (100-128810) (CP, NYS - SECURITY MEASURES) (#416)
- 1 - New York (100-120473) ((FNU)(LNU), former member of Bronx County Committee, active in Bronx NAACP, W, F, heavy set, round face, wears glasses, at meeting honoring GUS HALL, 8/27/59, per [redacted] believed to be [redacted] #421)
- 1 - New York (100-) ((FNU)(LNU), M, heavy beard thin shallow pointed face, heavy black hair, at meeting honoring GUS HALL, 8/27/59, [redacted])

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Date of report Aug. 28, 1959

On Thursday night Aug. 27, the Bronx County Communist Party held a meeting, in honor of GUS HALL, of the National Committee and also an original (victim) member of the first Smith Act, who served a five year jail sentence, in the East Bronx Section at Hunts Point Palace under the name of, The Freedom of The Press Committee.

The Chairman of the meeting was MIMI FRIEDLANDER the Bronx County organizer, also present was, LOUISE SANCHEZ, EDITH and HERB ROSENBERG, NORA from the North East Section [redacted] CELIA VOSK, FRANK HASHMALL, SOPHIE EPSTEIN. AL PAULA and his wife, HERSH and his wife MIKE DAVIDOW, [redacted] OSCAR from the Cultural Club, IDA ELLENBOGAN, [redacted] JENNIE RATNER, YETTA MARKS, JAKE WITKIN, SAM NESSIN and his wife, a former member of the Bronx County Committee, and active in the Bronx N.A.A.C.P. a white woman heavy set, round face, wears glasses, freckles all over her face and arms & chest sitting with IDA, also sitting with her a man, heavy beard thin shallow pointed face heavy black hair also seen at Party meetings.

MIRIAM SINGER, [redacted] also a number of Negro people, young people, Puerto Rican people all in all there were around 80 people present.

GUS was introduced by MIMI and he started his talk by outlining the situation as it is in the world today.

The recent exchanges between this country and the Soviet Union of many people from all walks of life.

The visit of Vice President NIXON, the visit of our President to Europe to talk with the heads of government.

He spoke of the conditions as they are today here in this country, the steel strike, the various methods used by the steel bosses to reach any agreement. He outlined the heavy tax

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load imposed on the people on all fronts, federal, State and local, of another one cent increase in gasoline as of Sept. 1.

In connection with this he related how years back the people of our country rebelled against too much taxation, this might very well happen here if this continues.

GUS outlined the National debt, how in the ROOSEVELT era the Republicans, criticised the large National debt around 8 million, but now it is away up around 178 million and no one openly condemns the Republican Party for it.

Some reasons for the National are first the government pays over 3 million dollars for interest to the banks etc. on the National debt. next the government pays over ten million rent for the use of bins to the farmers to store the excess wheat. This wheat is stored in different bins each year, the previous years crop stays there, as the previous years also. This is shown by the various color of the wheat as it lays in the bins from year to year.

GUS gave an account of his travels in various parts of the country, California, Baltimore, Youngstown and how the worker is beginning to unite more closely due to the many problems which confront them.

In Youngstown the steel workers are more united than other parts of the country because this is the lifeblood of the community.

GUS then spoke on the many problems facing our country, automation, other technological changes which occur from day to day. Industry after industry changing over, workers being replaced by machines which do the work of thousands of people, an example in the town where he lived with a population of over 1500, an iron ore town, the whole population evacuated in order to dig up the iron ore, two men with huge shovels, the dirt and conveyor belts carrying the dirt three miles and creating a huge new mountain changing the contour of the area.

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This and other changes due to automation must be solved, in order that the workers retain their jobs, communities and dignity.

GUS then outlined the Party how in the past few years many changes have taken place, people have lost faith with the Party, because of various reasons, political or otherwise these people he calls (exists) the Party has been weakened, the Mc Carthy era has taken its toll, among the youth, Negro people, workers etc. until it it was almost certain that there would be no Party. But all that has changed now, the Party is on the upgrade, it is going to celebrate its 40th Anniversary on Sept. 25th many people who left the Party are now returning in large numbers, in various parts of the country the story is much the same.

Tonight he is appealing to any one who is in that category, to come back to the Party, forget the differences that caused us to drop out and help celebrate our fortieth year in the U.S. by being united once again as a Vanguard Marxist Lenin role of years back.

GUS spoke of the youth, the Negro peoples movement he urged us to rebuild these organizations of the past into one great big movement, making it attractive so as to draw people like a magnet. The Communist of the future must be understanding, patient, forgiving, one to help in the many problems facing our people and country together; and he is sure that only in this manner can we expect the Communist Party to grow and rebuild itself.

There was a general discussion, questions and answers after his talk.

MIMI outlined for GUS and the non Party people what the Bronx County has done in the past year trying to weld the people together, by being active in mass organizations etc. We have taken part in the hospital and dress strike, we have helped organize against Sears in the hub area on E. 149 St. we have

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participated in various peace organizations, Sane Nuclear Policy etc., we have held forums and open air meetings in this and other communities.

The Bronx, has in the past and will continue to do so in the future, sponsored and participated in various struggles, around the Party and the Worker issued leaflets, flyers and literature for the building of both.

Near the close of the meeting SAM NESSIN made a collection speech which netted close to fifty dollars or more. In his remarks he urged the people to contribute, to a worth while cause, that people have the misconception that it is against the law to make a collection, and to his knowledge it is not, and if there are any law enforcement officers or any one connected with the government he openly defies them to stop him, if it means going to jail he is willing to risk that to prove his point.

There was a literature table set up in the rear of the hall with all kind of literature, and MIMI urged us to take advantage of it, and to remember that the Sept. Political Affairs will be a special anniversary and pre convention issue.

Copies of the Worker were distributed, the recent flyer edition, were given to those making a contribution.

At the end of the meeting LOUISE asked [] to attend a Section Committee meeting at her house on Monday Aug. 31, EDITH also told [] that there would be a Bronx County Committee at her house on Wednesday night Sept. 2.

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JAKE WITKIN told [] that BEN RATNER was in the hospital as was SYLVIA BOGROW.

As to a meeting of Club 4, [] promised to call and see if SYLVIA is home or not and then he will call them for a meeting.

JAKE is against holding the club meeting at BEN's house because of the possibility of endangering him in his work around the Sobell Committee. The F.B.I. are watching his house and it will cause undue hardship to him and the Party.

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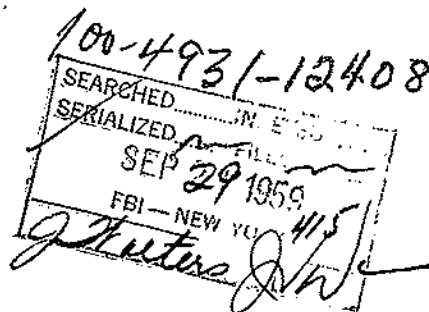
Enclosed herewith is information obtained from [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. Information concerning events transpiring at the 9/17/59 meeting of the NY Local SWP were furnished in a written report and are located in [redacted] Subsequent information was furnished orally to SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR. on 9/25/59 by [redacted]

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RE: UISC; IS-MISC.

LOUIS BUDENZ was used to characterize ANNETTE RUBENSTEIN.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified ~~confidential~~ inasmuch as the information furnished by [] could reasonably result in the identification of this source of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
September 25, 1959

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RE: UNITED INDEPENDENT-SOCIALIST COMMITTEE
(U.I.S.C.)
INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS.

On September 24, 1959, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at the September 17, 1959, meeting of the New York Local Socialist Workers Party (SWP), held at 116 University Place, New York City, Murry Weiss led a discussion on the strategy of the SWP at the forthcoming conference of the UISC. Weiss reviewed the history of the whole regroupment development which culminated in the Independent Socialist Party campaign and the subsequent formation of the UISC. He outlined the forces that comprise the UISC, together with the SWP and its allies. According to the source, Weiss gave a pessimistic view of the outlook for a united ticket in the 1960 campaign. He stressed that John T. McManus has now joined the ranks of the pro-Communist Party (CP) forces which publicly support the Democratic Party and want to make the UISC a mere pressure group similar to the Americans for Democratic Action.

Weiss maintained that events were playing a very decisive role in the outcome and that the leading event is the universal disgust with the Democratic Congress regarding the labor bill, which has brought down the wrath of the labor bureaucrats. Weiss continued that the SWP must realize that sentiment as of now is very much against an Independent-Socialist campaign. However, this sentiment is not 100%. He stated that the task of the SWP in the forthcoming conference of the UISC to be held 9/26-27/59 in New York City must be to argue for independent class politics against the CP and its allies. He stated that this must be done in the light

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of the current campaign against labor by both capitalist parties. He added that even if the conference is dead set against any Independent-Socialist campaign, there could be great gains for the SWP if it manages to convince a large segment of the rank and file members in attendance at the conference that the SWP is correct. These individuals would then support the SWP when it campaigns on its own ticket in 1960. Weiss predicted that the UISC may well fold but that the SWP hopes to pull out its periphery with it. He stated that this would be a great gain for the party.

On September 25, 1959, the above source advised that at the September 24, 1959 closed membership meeting of the New York Local SWP, held in New York City, it was disclosed that Murry Weiss will officially speak in behalf of the SWP at the above conference of the UISC, New York City. He added that five points of view will be presented at this conference and in addition to Weiss will be represented by the following:

Annette Rubenstein, who, according to the informant, will represent the pro-SWP element within the UISC in regard to some SWP actions.

John T. McManus, who will represent the supporters of the publication "National Guardian" within the UISC.

Irving Beinin, who will represent the pro-CP element within the UISC.

William Albertson, who will represent the CP, USA, at the conference.

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Source advised that the SWP feels that inasmuch as a leading figure like Albertson is to speak at the conference the CP intends to either attempt to completely control or wreck the above conference and it will thus be an all-out struggle for the factions involved at this conference. Source added that the SWP further believes that the CP will also attempt to influence the conference to promote "peace candidates" in the 1960 elections and turn the organization into a "peace organization". The SWP further believes that the CP will attempt to send greetings to Premier Nikita Khrushchev under the name of the UISC prior to his departure from his current U. S. tour.

Source advised that the SWP definitely feels that the UISC will eventually fold as an organization and that the 9/26-27/59 conference will be the last affair of this group of any appreciable size. The SWP tactic is, therefore, to attempt to influence as many individuals from the rank and file as possible at this conference toward SWP orientation in view of later recruitment. Source added the SWP feels the CP will additionally attempt to influence those in attendance at the above conference in view of later recruitment. Source added that it was further disclosed that the SWP does not anticipate that any resolutions will be passed at the above conference.

Murry Weiss is publicly known as a National Committee member of the SWP.

A second confidential source on June 30, 1950, described Dr. Annette Rubenstein as the Principal and proprietor of the Robert Louis Stevenson School in New York City and stated that at the time of the Hitler-Stalin Pact, Rubenstein was reported to be one of the most active in the American Peace Mobilization (APM), date not indicated. Source added that during the 1940s Rubenstein was frequently called to his attention as a CP member.

The APM has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

RE: UNITED INDEPENDENT-SOCIALIST COMMITTEE ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)

The September 21, 1959, edition of the "National Guardian" disclosed John T. McManus as Editor. A characterization on the "National Guardian" appears in the appendix attached hereto.

On March 20, 1958, Edgar Hanes Emery, 82 James Street, Apt. D, New York, New York, advised Special Agents [REDACTED], Reesie L. Timmons and Alesio Saviola that as of 1953, Irving Beinlin was a member of National Committee of the SWP.

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The January 18, 1959 edition of "The Worker", page 15, identified William Albertson as Secretary of the New York State Communist Party.

"The Worker" is a weekly newspaper published by the Communist Party.

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Merton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C43) (#422)

DATE: 9/28/59

FROM : SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (#422)

SUBJECT: KINGS COUNTY CP
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1 - New York [redacted] INV) (#422)
1 - New York (100-96627) (ALONZO GUYTON) (#422)
1 - New York (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (#415)
1 - New York (100-117158) (DANNY RUBEL) (#422)
1 - New York (100-67348) (ANN FRIEDLANDER) (#422)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (#422)
1 - New York (100-106518) [redacted] (#422)
1 - New York (100-14096) (TOM MYERSCOUGH) (#422)
1 - New York (100-131643) (HILDA WISSOKY) (#422)
1 - New York (100-131529) (EDWIN FRUX) (#422)
1 - New York (100-70482) (ABE COTTON) (#422)
1 - New York (100-99369) (ALLAN LAWS) (#422)
1 - New York (100-135084) (AGNES WILLIS) (#422)
1 - New York (100-138893) (ESTHER GANTOR) (#422)
1 - New York (100-118033) (JUDY (LNU) JACOBS) (#422)
① - New York (100-4931) (CP, USA) (#415)
1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (#415)
1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (#415)
1 - New York (100-26603-C43) (#422)

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Identity of Source

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reliable information in the
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Description of Info

9/2/59 KCCP Committee meeting

Date Received

9/4/59

Received By

SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (orally)

Original Located

[redacted]

The JUDY (LNU) referred to herein was identified on
9/13/59 by SA THOMAS J. MC NIFF as JUDY JACOBS and by [redacted]
on 9/14/59.

The following information was furnished by [redacted]
on 9/4/59 and authenticated by [redacted] on 9/17/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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9/2/59

On 9/2/59 there was a meeting of the Kings County Communist Party Committee in Room 7, 1110 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y.

The following persons were present: ALONZY GUYTON, BILL ALBERTSON, DANNY RUBEL, ANN FRIEDLANDER, CONNIE BART, [REDACTED] TOM MYERSCOUGH, HILDA WISSOKY, EDDIE FRUX, ABE COTTON, ALLAN LAWS, AGNES WILLIS, ESTHER CANTOR of 97 Brooklyn Ave., and JUDY (last name unknown), a white female who is from the 17th A.D.

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ALBERTSON made a long report on the 40th anniversary celebration coming up at Carnegie Hall. He gave an outline of the history of the Party working up to the coming national convention. He said that there will be a cultural presentation at the celebration, a film on Party Leadership and the speakers will include EUGENE DENNIS, BEN DAVIS and a Puerto Rican speaker. In addition, TIM BUCK from Canada will address the celebration.

DANNY RUBEL gave an organizational report and made announcements.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND

DATE: 9/29/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-84994)

SUBJECT: GUS HALL
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Identity of Source

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reliable information in the
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Description of Info

Speech of GUS HALL at Hunt's Point
Palace, Bronx, NY, 8/27/59

Date Received

8/28/59

Received By

SA KENNETH J. HUNNEMEDER (orally)

Original Located

[redacted]

The following information was furnished by [redacted]
on 8/28/59 and authenticated by [redacted] on 9/4/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

1 - Cleveland (100-) (GUS HALL) (RM)
 1 - New York () (INV) (#425)
 1 - New York (100-166495) (FREEDOM OF THE PRESS COMMITTEE) (#415)
 1 - New York (100-118525) (BRONX CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE) (#41)
 1 - New York (100-83378) () HYMAN GOLDSTEIN (421)
 1 - New York (100-135249) (REBECCA GORDON) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-133566) () (#421)
 1 - New York (100-78545) (DAVID BROWN) (#425)
 1 - New York (100-62881) (LOUISE SANCHEZ) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-4931) (CP, USA)

1 - New York (100-) (LORRAINE GILFORD)
 1 - New York (100-56) (MIKE DAVIDOW 45-50,5'9" 160. at speech of
 GUS HALL, 8/27/59, per [redacted] (#421)
 1 - New York (100-89179) (BELLA ALTSHULER) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-129174) () (#421)
 1 - New York (100-84994) (#412)

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On 8/27/59, GUS HALL spoke on "The Party Today" at Hunts Point Palace, 953 Southern Blvd., Bronx, N.Y. The affair was advertised as being under the auspices of the Bronx Freedom of the Press Committee, but actually was put on by the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee.

The following people were recognized as attending the affair:

REBECCA GORDON
[redacted]

DAVID BROWN

LOUISE SANCHEZ and her husband.

LORRAINE GILFORD - used to be in the YCL

BELLA ALTSHULER and her husband HYMAN

MIKE LNU, W.M, 45-50 yrs, 5'9", 160 lbs. iron-gray hair,
lives at 1520 Cretona Park East, Apt. 3J, NYC.

In his speech, GUS HALL advocated a broad or wide Socialist movement in approaching today's problems.

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On 9/17/59, [redacted] identified a photo of MIKE DAVIDOW (100-56-1A26) as being identical to the MIKE LNU mentioned in above report.

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It is to be noted that the husband of LOUISE SANCHEZ IS [redacted] and that the husband of BELLA ALTSHULER is believed to be HYMAN GOLDSTEIN (100-83378).



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

201 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York

September 29, 1959

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Agent

New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you furnish listings for the following telephone numbers:

LORRAINE 2-6776

Your personal attention in protecting the confidential nature of our inquiry in this matter is greatly appreciated and I wish to express my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

H. G. Foster

H. G. FOSTER
Special Agent in Charge

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1931)(#421)

DATE: 9/24/59

FROM : SA KENNETH J. HUNNEMEDER (#425)

SUBJECT: EAST BRONX SECTION
BRONX COUNTY CP
IS - CIdentity of Source [redacted] who has furnished
reliable information in the
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Description of Info Bronx CP Club meeting, 9/1/59

Date Received 9/4/59

Received By SA KENNETH J. HUNNEMEDER (orally)

Original Located [redacted]

The following information was furnished by [redacted]
on 9/1/59 and authenticated by [redacted] on 9/4/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

- 1 - New York (100-129171) [redacted] (#421)
- 1 - New York [redacted] (INV) (#421)
- 1 - New York (100-62881) (LOUISE SANCHEZ) (#421)
- 1 - New York (100-89179) (BELLA ALTSHULER) (#421)
- 1 - New York (100-136709) [redacted] (#421)
- 1 - New York (100-135170) [redacted] (#421)
- 1 - New York (100-78545) (DAVID BROWN) (#425)
- 1 - New York (100-135246) [redacted] (#421)
- 1 - New York (100-93665) (MIMI FRIEDLANDER) (#421)
- 1 - New York (100-108992) (SHELDON MADDOX) (#421)
- 1 - New York (100-133566) [redacted] (#421)
- 1 - New York (100-7629) (NAACP) (#41)
- 1 - New York (97-169) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-128814) (CP, NYS - ORGANIZATION) (#416)
- ① - New York (100-4931) (CP, USA) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C40) (BRONX COUNTY CP) (#421)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C1931) (#421)

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There was a meeting of the Bronx Communist Party Club on 9/1/59 at 1520 Cretona Park East, Apt 1H, NYC, the apartment of LOUISE SANCHEZ. The meeting started at 8:30 PM and lasted until about 11:15 PM.

The following were present:

BELLA ALTSHULER

[REDACTED]

DAVID BROWN

[REDACTED]

LOUISE SANCHEZ

FNU SANCHEZ (husband of LOUISE SANCHEZ)

MIMMIE, the general organizer for the Bronx, CP. (This is MIMMIE FRIEDLANDER)

SHELDON MADDOX

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There was a collection of money from the raffle tickets which is a fund drive for "The Worker". This raffle takes place on next Halloween.

BELLA distributed tickets to a celebration of "40 Years of the Communist Party" to be held at Carnegie Hall on September 25, 1959 at 8:00 PM. Admission is one dollar. She gave each member five tickets to sell.

BELLA asked DAVE BROWN to give a lecture on the recent NAACP convention at the next meeting. BROWN said he was not prepared to discuss this matter and besides he had a meeting of the Trades Union Council at 75 5th Ave on that night.

SHELDON MADDOX was chosen to give the lecture.

Next on the agenda was the voting on breaking up the club.

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The voting ended in a tie but MIMMIE said that her orders from the county was to separate some of the members from the club and send them back to their own communities and the rest of the members would remain with the club.

LOUISE SANCHEZ said that [REDACTED] SHELDON MADDOX, DAVE BROWN and [REDACTED] would leave the club and the county organization would then place these people in clubs in their communities.

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MIMMIE said she would have the assignments for these members at the next meeting. She said the county would give them to her by the next meeting.

MIMMIE asked for volunteers to go to Communist Party headquarters on next Monday morning 9/7/59 for a special Labor Day distribution of The Worker. They would be there at 9:00 A.M.

[REDACTED] volunteered to go.

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TO : SAC, BOSTON (100- 775)

DATE: September 24, 1959

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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b7DSUBJECT: HOMER CHASE
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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be protected by the use of a T symbol, furnished a five-page written report dated 9/12/59 to SA [REDACTED] on 9/14/59. This report is maintained as Boston File [REDACTED] and is as follows:

"9/12/1959

"According to plans, an open meeting sponsored by the Communist Party was held Saturday Sept. 12 - 8 to 9:45 PM at 565 Boylston St. Boston Mass. This address is the Community Church Center.

"HOMER CHASE chaired the meeting instead of the scheduled Chairman (LUE JOHNSON). HOMER stated that Mr. JOHNSON had death in his family to cause his absence.

cc: 3 - New York (RM)
 1 - CP, USA (100-)
 1 - GEORGE MORRIS-100-13203)
 1 - 100-775 HOMER CHASE
 1 - 100-7908 CP, USA, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
 1 - 100- COMMUNITY CHURCH CENTER
 1 - [REDACTED]
 1 - 100-22939 LEWIS M. JOHNSON
 1 - 100-22122 GEORGE MORRIS
 1 - 100- CP - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
 1 - 100-20786 CP - RELIGIOUS MATTERS
 1 - 100-568 OTIS A. HOOD
 1 - 100-18271 Mrs. OTIS A. HOOD
 1 - 100-547 ANNE B. TIMPSON
 1 - 100-16208 PHILIP KORITZ
 1 - [REDACTED]
 1 - 100-10230 OLIVER CHASE
 1 - 100-27949 Mrs. OLIVER CHASE
 1 - 100-16028 [REDACTED]

(NOTE-3 New Bedford Fall River CP members.)

1 - 100-15635 JAMES REX
 1 - 100-17930 ERNEST AUDET
 1 - [REDACTED]

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"The principal speaker was the editor of 'The Worker', Mr. GEORGE MORRIS.

"The agenda: Speech by Mr. MORRIS on his visit to the Soviet Union and Mr. KRUSCHEV's visit here in America plus answering questions on same. Furthermore it was understood that a Soviet film story would be shown.

"The chairman got the meeting started at 8:30. The camera etc. were on hand in the hall but the chair stated that the films were not and would not be available for the occasion. There was no Soviet film story for the group that filled the hall almost to capacity.

"Refunds were offered as a result of the absence of the films and according to the disturbance just at the end of Mr. MORRIS' speech, I suppose refunds were made to some patrons.

"In substance, Mr. MORRIS followed the Communist Party line in pinning roses on the shoulders of the Soviet Union and making a foot-mat of America. He stressed the significance of Soviet's Moon Shot and the visit of Mr. KRUSCHEV as a great factor in settling worldwide problems and future trend. Then he stated that the Capitalist country had now become a second rate on such issues.

"In speaking of his trip of recent to Russia, Mr. MORRIS informed his audience that he spent the necessary time to see the right people, things and places to get a true and accurate picture of (Russia today.) This is his picture -

"Thousands of new homes are built and thousands are under construction. Blooming factories. Education top level. Some poor dwellings still exist but no slums. Importing factory equipment very low, instead things are made there. Busy markets. High prices with satisfied - free spenders. Free spending is said to be intended to increase buying power and cut prices. Everything is on a workingman's level. Doctor, hospital, medicine for free. Nurses for the children of working parents free. Kindergartens for toddlers free. And college students qualify and get paid to go through"

"college instead of tuition. When Mr. MORRIS swapped notes along the line of life in America he was stated as crazy or the object of pity. At the present, the so-called Seven Year Plan is in motion in the Soviet Union as a result its present head of state with the promise that after a successful end for a permanent way of life on the same scale as the Seven Year Plan.

"At the time of questions I recall only three questions asked, and the answers were lengthy, not to the point and repetition of things that had been said over and again. Last question unanswered.

"1st - How are Jews treated literally. (By an elderly gray baldhead man formerly reported as Jewish C.P. member, of the Midtown group.)

"2nd - What portion of working people composes the government or legislature. (By PHIL TRACY)

"3rd - What about religion. This person was reported previously with the out of town group, from New Bedford, as I recall. He used expression to indicate hate slander on religion.

"Answers

"1st - Mr. MORRIS stated his mission not linked to racial problems - Solely because there is no such there. A person that could discuss such matters is predicted to be available in the near future. Jews refuse to be singled out. They enjoy swell opportunities in all walks of life and in all professions.

"2nd - This was answered by explaining the framework of the trade unions in conjunction with the C.P. function and many organizations within the C.P. Then the question was repeated and at this point the answer was lengthy. In so many words, a government of, for and by the people. A government that provides homes - hospitals - schools - doctors - medicine - nurseries jobs and on and on. In the Soviet Union there is no unemployment, juvenile delinquency on the level of crime does not exist. There is delinquency in the form of abuse of women but the victim is properly cared for by the government. The guilty is tried in a peoples court and"

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"placed in the custody of carefully trained educators for correction rather than jail. Burglarizing does not exist. Who would think of such. It could not be in the Soviet Union because no one dreams of such. There is no need or want of such things there. Its like saying everything is free or at least easy to get the honest way.

"3rd - HOMER CHASE butted in and to sum up the answers: It was the wrong question at the wrong time and in the wrong place. Mr. MORRIS concurred with the decision of Mr. CHASE with reference to Community Church by name.

"Even before the conclusion of the main address, the humid air with closed windows had created weak eyes and sloppy heads that got relief by the change of scene as the chair announced the sale of literature and a contribution in cash.

"About a third of the gathering left just at the end of the address.

"Literature sale was normal to light comparing the crowd on similar dates.

"Contribution was just below the hundred dollar mark, as announced by the chair.

"To the best of my knowledge: I recall the presence of the list of names of attenders at this gathering.

"O. A. HOOD - A. B. TIMPSON - OLIVER CHASE - and O. CHASE's wife, [REDACTED] - PHIL KORITZ - A Mr. COSLELLA of Local 25 - [REDACTED] JOSEPH and [REDACTED] - HOMER CHASE - the three New Bedford C.P. male members - Mr. GEORGE MORRIS By introduction as to the audience.

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"Generally speaking, the faces were those usually seen on such previous gathering in C. P. circle.

"This is all the information I have at the present time."

All necessary action with respect to the above information has been taken.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931) (415)

DATE: 9/29/59

FROM : SA JAMES P. HALLERON (41)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal) b7D

Description of Info: National Convention of CP
to be held 12/10-13/59

Date received: 9/22/59

Received by: SA JAMES P. HALLERON (written)

Original location: [redacted]

A copy of informant's written report follows:

- 1 - [redacted] (INV) (41)
- 1 - NY 100-26603 (CP, NYD) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C42 (NY COUNTY CP) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-4931 (415)

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NY 100-4931

New York City
Sept_ 14, 1959

C.P. Convention dates.

The following is the Convention dates for the Communist Party, as requested by the National Board of the Communist Party.

1. County Convention dates, are Nov. 6, 7, 8, 1959. The place and time un-decided at present.
2. State Convention, Nov. 27, 28, 29, 1959. The place and time un-decided at present.
3. National Convention, Dec_ 10-thru Dec. 13, 1959. The place and time un-decided at present.

Apparently these conventions shall take place in New York City.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

DATE: 9/30/59

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-41019)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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Source

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LOTTIE and DAVE
GORDON, 28 Bock Ave., Newark, N.J.

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Reliability

Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date Furnished 8/20/59

Location 100-4284-9Y-30, page 64

On 9/16/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that LOTTIE GORDON was at that time Organizational Secretary of the New Jersey CP and a member of the State Board and State Committee of the New Jersey CP.

On 5/28/59, [REDACTED] advised that DAVE GORDON was at that time a member of the Essex County Committee of the New Jersey CP.

Among the items furnished by [REDACTED] appeared a bill with the letterhead "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., 23 West 26 Street, New York 10, N.Y." which was dated 6/26/59. This bill was addressed to the District of New Jersey and reflected that it was payable to the National Office, C.P. for 200 copies of the 6/59 issue of "Party Affairs". The total amount due was reflected as \$10.48. The bill reflected that \$10.00 of the total was the charge for 200 copies of "Party Affairs" at four cents per copy. It also reflected that forty-eight cents was the parcel post charge.

1 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

5 - Newark

1 - 100-4284A (FUNDS)

1 - 100-4284V (CONNECTIONS NEW JERSEY CP AND CP, USA)

1 - 100-4284T (PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)

1 - [REDACTED]

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A copy of the above-mentioned information is being attached to the original of this letter.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: October 1, 1959

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-1549)

SUBJECT: "GLOS LUDOWY" ("People's Voice")
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ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory, Translation Unit

The _____ edition of the Polish language newspaper "Glos Ludowy" is enclosed for translation by the Bureau. The translations should follow suggestions previously furnished. Original newspaper should be returned to Detroit with the translations.

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The 9/12/59 issue of "Glos Ludowy," Page 11, Column 1-2, of the English Section contained an article which contains information pertaining to individuals or organizations within your jurisdiction.

A Photostat of the article is being furnished for informational purposes and for any action you deem necessary.

The attached is a summary of information translated from the _____ issue of "Glos Ludowy," Page _____, Column _____.

The information which pertains to individuals or organizations within your division is being furnished for informational purposes and for any action deemed appropriate.

Translated by: Bureau Translator _____

Detroit Translator _____

On March 11, 195⁹, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (protect identity), advised that the "Glos Ludowy" is a Polish-English language weekly newspaper published in Detroit which closely follows the Communist Party line. The entire editorial policy of this newspaper is dominated by CP members.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1214-SUB G) DATE: 10/1/59

FROM : SA JAMES P. HALLERON (41)

SUBJECT: 11th AD CLUB -
HARLEM SECTION CP
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Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info Details of meeting at the 11th
[redacted]

Date Received 9/22/59

Received by SA JAMES P. HALLERON (written)

Original Location [redacted]

A copy of informant's written report follows:

- 1 - [redacted] INV.) (41)
- 1 - NY 100-82206 [redacted] (425)
- 1 - NY 100-81286 [redacted] (41)
- 1 - NY 100-127818 [redacted] (425)
- 1 - NY 100-114287 (ALBERT JACKSON) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-73325 (PAULINE MILOUS) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-4931 (CP, USA) (415)
- 1 - NY 64-56 (CP of CUBA) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-51166 (CP of CANADA) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-128314 (CP, NYD - FUNDS) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-128314A (CP, NYD - FUNDS - HARLEM) (425)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C1214-SUB G) (425)

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New York City
Sept. 14, 1959

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[redacted]
[redacted] of the C.P. of the [redacted]
held a meeting on [redacted] at the residence
of [redacted]
[redacted]

Among those present were [redacted] Chairman,
[redacted] and [redacted]. ALBERT JACKSON was absent,
because he attended a funeral that night, and PAULINA
MILOUS was home sick with a cold.

The following was the agenda_

1. [redacted] gave [redacted] a directive
from the National Board of the C.P. to read. This directive
was a clarification of National Board request for a change
in the election of the members of the National Committee.
The directive stated that there have been many abuses, in the
election, working and procedures of the National Committee,
to the extent that the National Committee never function
in the right manner. Thus the directive requested that
the old method of the election of the National Committee
be changed, to another method which have not been decided
upon as yet. [redacted] requested that the voting on
this directive be tabled until the full membership of the
Club is present. Agreed.

2. [redacted] stated that the 40th Anniversary
celebration of the C.P. U.S.A. is coming along very well,
and requested that each members bring their friends
and fellow workers to the affair at Carnegie Hall, Friday,
September 25, 1959. [redacted] stated that on the program
will be representative_ from the Cuban C.P. and from the

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Canadian C.P. also there will be speeches and entertainment.

3. [] read a directive from the National Board of the C.P. requesting that the draft resolution and pre-convention discussion be started in each club, as of Sept. 10, 1959 for the 17th National Convention of the C.P. U.S.A. BILL STANLEY sold copies of political affairs to the members, which contain_

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1. Draft Political Resolution
2. Draft Resolution on the Negro Question.

Also the directive requested that all clubs meet once a week until convention date, and requested that each member be assessed, double the amount of his dues to help pay for the convention expenses. If a member is paying a 1.00 monthly dues, his assessment would be \$2.00 & etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C43) DATE: 10/1/59

FROM : SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY (#416)

SUBJECT: KINGS COUNTY CP
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1 - [REDACTED] (INV) (416)

1 - NY 100-137890 (HERMAN SACKNOFF) (416)

1 - NY 100- (ELISA (LNU) W-F-18-5'5"-110 lbs.-blond-sloppily dressed)

1 - NY 100-120546 (STAN (LNU) W-M-27-5'10"-180 lbs.-auburn hair, crew cut-glasses-stocky previously seen at classes at Faculty of Social Science & present at party for JIM TORMEY, per [REDACTED])

1 - NY 100-15946 (JIM TORMEY) (415)

1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (416)

1 - NY 100-84275 (BILL PATTERSON) (415)

1 - NY 101-559 (JESUS COLON) (415)

1 - NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)

1 - NY 100-60640 (HAROLD COLLINS) (416)

1 - NY 100-94429 (SOL GROSS) (424)

1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)

1 - NY 100- (RUSS (LNU) W-M-30-32-5'11"-175 lbs.-black hair-mustache-has a southern drawl and wears Texas type clothes. At party for TORMEY per [REDACTED])

1 - NY 100- (MARLA (LNU) W-F-22-5'3"-105 lbs.-long black hair, very petite, southern drawl. At party for TORMEY per [REDACTED])

1 - NY 100-89571 (MASSES AND MAINSTREAM) (41)

1 - NY 100-133594 (FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE) (41)

1 - NY 100-4931 (CP, USA) (415)

1 - NY 100-26603-C43) (422)

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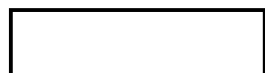
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JIM TORMEY (9/18/59)

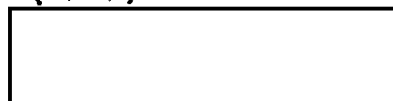
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SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY
(oral)

Original location:



Info furnished by informant, as reflected
above, was reduced to writing by SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY on
9/25/59, and authenticated by informant on 9/29/59.

A copy of informant's oral report follows.

NY 100-26603-C43

September 25, 1959

On Friday, September 18, 1959, about 6:30 PM, the following persons met at the Jefferson Book Shop on East 16 St., NYC: Herman Sacknoff, Elisa LNU, W, F, 18, 5'5", 110 lbs., blond, sloppily dressed, and Stan, LNU, W, M, 27, 5'10", 180 lbs, auburn hair, crew cut, glasses, stocky. Stan was previously seen at the classes at the Faculty of Social Science.

These three left together to attend a "Welcome Jim Tormey" party at the Premier Palace, 505 Sutter Ave, Brooklyn, N.Y. Tormey was welcomed as the organizer of the CP of Brooklyn.

On the way to this party, Stan talked a good deal about Marxism and appeared to know quite a bit about it. He told Herman that many garment workers who are in the CP live in the Boro Park and Brighton Sections of Brooklyn.

Speakers at this party were, Ben Davis, Bill Patterson, Jesus Colon, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, and Harold Collins. Patterson stated that they should not be discouraged because the CPUSA is small in numbers and cited China as an example which, a few years ago, had only 2000 members. Collins' speech pertained to an article appearing in "Masses and Mainstream" from which he quoted and Davis stated that he was glad the factional fight in Brooklyn was over.

Sol Gross was selling "The Worker" at this affair. An elderly woman was selling CP literature.

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William Albertson was also present. A fellow previously seen at a Faculty of Social Science class was Russ, LNU, W M 30-32, 5'11", 175 lbs, black hair, mustach, has a southern drawl and wears Texas type clothes. He was there with his wife, Marla, LNU, W F 22, 5'3", 105 lbs, long black hair, very petite, southern drawl.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C41)(#423)

DATE: 10/2/59

FROM : SA LE ROY W. SHEETS (#423)

SUBJECT: QUEENS COUNTY CP
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1 - New York [redacted] INV) (#423)
1 - New York (100-13527) (DAVE SALES) (#423)
1 - New York (100-96199) (WILLIAM SHNEYER) (#423)
1 - New York (100-52334) (MORRIS PASTERNAK) (#423)
1 - New York (100-64505) (ARTHUR DEUTSCH) (#423)
1 - New York (100-127208) (ELAINE KEITH) (#423)
1 - New York (100-14352) (ALEX ELAN) (#423)
1 - New York (100-34067) (ELIZABETH CHAIKIN) (#423)
1 - New York (100-95636) (ELIZABETH MERKELSON) (#423)
1 - New York (100-55616) (NAOMI PASTOR) (#423)
1 - New York (100-134973) (MARTIN SAVINSKY) (#423)
1 - New York (100-136977) (PHILIP ROSENBERG) (#423)
1 - New York (100-7658) (LEMENT HARRIS) (#423)
1 - New York (100-60648) (GEORGE CHAIKIN) (#423)
1 - New York (100-75386) (LEWIS GRAHAM) (#423)
1 - New York (100-128314-D) (QUEENS COUNTY CP - FUNDS) (#416)
1 - New York (100-128817) (CP, NYD - MEMBERSHIP) (#416)
1 - New York (100-26603-C1865) (KEW-POMONOK SECTION CP) (#423)
1 - New York (100-26603-C1759) (ROCKAWAY SECTION CP) (#423)
1 - New York (100-26603-C358) (JAMAICA SECTION CP) (#423)
1 - New York (100-26603-C1864) (EAST QUEENS SECTION CP) (#423)
1 - New York (100-128809) (CP, NYD - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (#416)
1 - New York (100-4931) (CP, USA) (#415)
1 - New York (100-26603) (CP, NYD) (#416)
1 - New York (100-26603-C41) (#423)

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Description of Info

Meeting of the Queens County CP
Committee, 9/17/59, at home of
GEORGE CHAIKIN, 163-01 65th Avenue,
Queens, NY

Date Received

9/18/59

Received By

SA LE ROY W. SHEETS (orally)

Original Located

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Informant identified the accountant as probably being
LEWIS GRAHAM, therefore, a copy of this report is being designated
for his case file.

The following information was furnished by [REDACTED]
on 9/18/59 and authenticated by [REDACTED] on 9/22/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

NY 100-26603-C41

9/18/59

On the night of 9/17/59, a meeting of the Queens County CP Committee was held at the home of GEORGE CHAIKIN, 163-01 65th Avenue, Queens, N.Y.

The following individuals were present:

DAVE SALES	ELIZABETH MERKELSON
WILLIAM SHNEYER	NAOMI PASTOR
MORRIS PASTERNAK	MARTIN SAVINSKI
ARTHUR DEUTSCH	PHIL ROSENBERG
ELAINE KEITH	LEM HARRIS
ALEX ELAN	GEORGE CHAIKIN
ELIZABETH CHAIKIN	

Before the meeting started those present praised KHRUSHCHEV on his clever remarks, saying that it was an education in Marxism-Leninism just to listen to him.

ALEX ELAN spoke briefly on his trip to Russia where he said he spent eight weeks. He praised the way the Russian Government has been treating the working class.

DAVE SALES read the introduction to the article in the September, 1959, issue of Political Affairs entitled "Pre-Convention Discussion - Draft Political Resolution". He then talked on how this would be discussed at the following meetings. SALES wanted to meet every week, however it was agreed that the Committee would meet every two weeks to discuss the article.

MORRIS PASTERNAK was selected by SALES to discuss at the next meeting Chapter II of the above article which dealt with American Foreign Policy, The Need of a Policy for Peace.

PHIL ROSENBERG was assigned Chapter III, The Economic and Political Situation in the Country.

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SALES denounced the leadership in the steel strike. He stated that the union leaders were playing into the hands of the steel owners by disregarding the demands of the workers.

MORRIS PASTERNAK took issue with the above resolution stating that nothing was mentioned about the youth. He stated that there should be a full time paid organizer in the Queens County CP and if there wasn't enough money in the County then the State CP and National CP should help out.

All present agreed that the County needed a full time organizer to do a better job.

NAOMI PASTOR stated that she was glad that a person attending these meetings could now speak up without fear as had been the case in the past.

LEM HARRIS mentioned that he had recently visited Buffalo and while there he had talked to the men on the picket lines in the steel strike.

SALES stated that he had recently visited an accountant, who had been a CP member, in an effort to register him for the current year. This individual told SALES that he lived in a \$35,000.00 home and was well established in his community and work and didn't want the FBI to come knocking on his door so he didn't want to register for the CP or pay dues. He stated that when the showdown came he would be behind the CP.

WILLIAM SHNEYER turned in to the County \$6.65 for CP literature and \$5.00 for tickets to the 40th Anniversary Party. SHNEYER turned in the following two new registrations:

(1) White, male, age 31, American-Jewish, 10 years in CP, salesman, no union affiliation.

(2) White, male, age 54, Jewish, 27 years in CP, Local 1199, Pharmacist.

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The above were registered in the Kew-Pomonok CP Section.

LEM HARRIS of the Rockaway Section turned in \$60.00 CP Fund drive money.

ARTHUR DEUTSCH of the Jamaica Section turned in \$18.80 in CP dues which represented 80% of \$23.50 collected from the H.B. CP Club.

SALES announced that the next meeting would be held 10/1/59 at the home of ELIZABETH MERKELSON.

SALES also said that \$300.00 in CP fund drive money had been collected by the East Queens Section.

SAC (100-43850)

10/2/59

SA CARLTON H. WOLFARTH

PROVISIONAL ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE FOR A MARKIST-
LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY
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On 9/21/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally provided SA CARLTON H. WOLFARTH with a written statement. This statement is maintained in [redacted]

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"Williamsport, Pa.
Sept. 20, 1959

"Sept. 20, 1959 PAUL AULT and ARNOLD CREASY stopped at the Home of GORDON DOUGLAS at 5:30 P.M. PAUL gave GORDON a copy of vanguard as soon as he entered.

"GORDON said to them, "I suppose you were on the welcome committee for KHRUSHCHEV." PAUL said, "no. But we were to New York City over labor day and we passed out 500 copies of vanguard and 500 leaflets for the P.O.C. we did this during the labor day Parade." PAUL said the people in N.Y. City took the papers and leaflets in good spirits.

2 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

1 - 100-136078 (POC)

1 - 100- (CPUSA)

5 - Philadelphia

1 - 100-43850

1 - 100-22773 (PAUL AULT)

1 - 100-35377 (ARNOLD CREASY)

1 - 100-32428 (GORDON A. DOUGLAS)

1 - [redacted]

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[Handwritten signature and initials]

"PAUL said they came in contact with an elderly lady who was passing out leaflets for the C.P.A. and she told them that we need people like you in the C.P.A. PAUL told her he had enough of the C.P.A. and thier Revisionist Ideas and leader-ship.

"CREASY said some of the american public in N. Y. City were pretty well receptive to KHRUSHCHEV and his program for world Peace.

"PAUL said even Judge MUSHMANNO who will pobably vote against PAUL when his case for unemployment Compensation come up. had nothing but praise for Mrs. KHRUSHCHEV. than PAUL, CREASY and GORDON went outside. GORDON showed PAUL and CREASY what he had done outside the House today. it appeared GORDON had Boxed the eves on his home and did some painting.

"PAUL told GORDON that the P.O.C. had a meeting at ARNOLD CREASY House and they voted that GORDON application for membership in the P.O.C. be accepted.

"GORDON asked them about the Dues and PAUL told him whatever you want to give. GORDON said how about 2.00 per month. PAUL said that would be good and suppose we start it for Oct. PAUL and CREASY left in CREASY car. GORDON said you don't need to be in such a hurry. CREASY said he had a date. GORDON said come over sometime and we will go to a football game. CREASY said he couldn't go next week as he had a date with a girl from N.Y. City who is coming to Williamsport. she also belongs to the P.O.C. CREASY said I will bring he around and introduce you to her. GORDON said well we all Could go to a football game. CREASY said well we will see. With that they drove away from GORDON's home."

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Agent's Comments:

[redacted] furnished the following information orally:

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GORDON DOUGLAS resides at 407 Charlotte Street, South Williamsport, Pa. C.P.A. in the Informant's statement refers to the Communist Party, USA. The POC holds their meetings in Williamsport, Pa., on the third Saturday of each month.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-43850)

DATE: 10/2/59

FROM : SA FRANCIS J. GAFFNEY

SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
FOR A MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST
PARTY
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On 9/8/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable informa-
tion in the past, orally advised SAs FRANCIS J. GAFFNEY and [redacted]
[redacted] of the following. This information was dictated on
9/9/59 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [redacted]
on 9/11/59, and was then read and initialed by the informant on
9/15/59. It is maintained in [redacted]

8 - Chicago (REGISTERED MAIL)

1 - (POC)
1 - (AL BETHENCOURT)
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - (LNU) (Negro Schoolteacher))
1 - (LNU) (Negro youth))
1 - (LNU) (Negro male, age 17-18))
1 - (LNU) (White female))

4 - Cleveland (REGISTERED MAIL)

1 - (POC)
1 - (ETHEL GOODMAN)
1 - (Admiral KILPATRICK)
1 - (JOE (LNU) (A Lithuanian))

20 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

1 - (POC)
1 - (TED ALLEN)
1 - [redacted]
1 - (NONA BLACK)
1 - (NONA BLACK's Husband)
1 - (KENNY BRUTON)
1 - (BELLA FREUND)
1 - (GEORGE LEWIS)
1 - (JORGE MAYSONET)
1 - (FELIX OJEDA)

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1 - [REDACTED]
1 - 100-13336 (ARMANDO ROMAN)
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - (JOSE ROMAN)
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - 105-2709 (JOSE SANTIAGO)
1 - (JOSE SANTIAGO's Oldest Son)
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - (WILLIAM VILA)
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - (STANLEY WEISS)
1 - (SUSAN (LNU))
1 - (UNSUB, Cuban, Member POC Water Front
Commission, New York)
1 - (CPUSA)
1 - 100-137791 [REDACTED] DEFENSE COMMITTEE)
1 - (MARXIST-LENINIST VANGUARD)
1 - ("NORTH STAR")
2 - San Francisco (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - (POC)
1 - 100-39109 (THOMAS SCRIBNER)
4 - San Juan (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - (POC)
1 - (JORGE MAYSONET)
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1 - (CP, PUERTO RICO)
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1 - 100-35377 (ARNOLD B. CREASY)
1 - 100-3714 (FLORENCE DOUGHER)
1 - 100-2445 (JOSEPH DOUGHER)
1 - 100-33403 (SAM FOSTER)
1 - 100-37572 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-18012 (CHARLES RUSSELL GILL)
1 - 100-40490 (DOLORES HYMAN)
1 - 100-40489 (RUSSELL HYMAN)

1 - 100-43546
(ARMANDO ROMAN)
1 - 105-664 (JOSE
SANTIAGO)
1 - 100-44362
(PUERTO RICAN
COMMITTEE)

1 - [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
AL BETHENCOURT

Mr. NONA BLACK
(FNU) BLACK
KENNY BRUTON
BELLA FREUND
ETHEL GOODMAN
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GEORGE LEWIS
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SUSAN (LNU)

Cuban Male

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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF THE INFORMANT.

"Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 8, 1959

"On September 5, 1959, the first session of the National Plenum of the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (POC) was held at the Central Plaza Annex, 40 East Seventh Street, New York City. The following individuals from New York attended this session:

"ARMANDO ROMAN
[redacted]

JOSE SANTIAGO
[redacted]

JOSE SANTIAGO's oldest son
[redacted]

STANLEY WEISS
[redacted]

JOSE ROMAN

NONA (phonetic) (last name unknown, a white female who resides at 18 West 103rd Street, Apartment 3E
NONA's husband, a Puerto Rican who resides at this same address

GEORGE LEWIS
[redacted]

SUSAN (last name unknown), a white female, 5'6", 145 pounds, wears glasses

BELLA FREUND

Unknown Male, a Cuban, age 50, 5'6", wearing a mustache, a former seaman who is on the POC water front commission in New York
[redacted]

KENNY BRUTON

WILLIAM VILA

MAYSONET (phonetic), a male Puerto Rican, 5'2", about 55 years old, wearing glasses, with a receding hairline. This individual attended as a fraternal delegate and is going back to Puerto Rico.

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"OJEDA, Puerto Rican, age about 60 years, weight 130 pounds, slim build, white hair. This individual also attended as a fraternal delegate and is going back to Puerto Rico.

"These two Puerto Ricans indicated they are in the Communist Party in Puerto Rico and on returning there plan to try to swing the Puerto Rican Communist Party over to the POC. These individuals gave short speeches in Spanish which were translated by JOSE SANTIAGO into English. Their speeches were mostly in praise of the POC.

"Present from Chicago were the following:

"AL BETHENCOURT

[redacted]
[redacted] (last name unknown), white female, about 5'6", weighing 140 pounds, a housewife who has two sons

(First name unknown) possibly [redacted]

[redacted] GLADYS PLEASANT

[redacted] Female, a Negro schoolteacher, age 28, height 5'5", weight about 125 pounds, who teaches youngsters. Attended as an observer.

[redacted] Male, Negro youth. Also attended as an observer.

[redacted] (phonetic) (last name unknown), Negro male, age 17 or 18, height 5'10", weight 220 pounds. Also attended as an observer.

"The following attended from Cleveland, Ohio:

"ETHEL GOODMAN

Admiral KILPATRICK

JOE (last name unknown), a Lithuanian white male, age 45 to 50, height 5'8", weight 160 pounds, thin sandy hair. This individual has been very active in the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born in Cleveland.

"The Cleveland delegation did not arrive until about 7:00 p.m., September 5, 1959, as Admiral KILPATRICK had trouble with his car en route.

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"The following were present from Williamsport, Pennsylvania:

"PAUL AULT
ARNOLD CREASY

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"The following were present from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

"JOSEPH DOUGHER
FLORENCE DOUGHER
SAM FOSTER

[REDACTED]
RUSSELL GILL

[REDACTED] the husband of [REDACTED] who attended as an observer only.

HAROLD ALLEN, who was introduced as HAROLD PENN and who attended only the Saturday evening session.

"The Plenum started about 1:00 p.m. and JOE DOUGHER, the National Chairman of the POC, spoke first, welcoming everyone. He read a telegram from THOMAS SCRIBNER, of Eureka, California, in which SCRIBNER extended greetings to the National Plenum and pledged his support to the POC. DOUGHER stated that the delegates from the West Coast were not able to attend.

"DOUGHER then announced that each delegation should elect a Chairman and these Chairmen would then form the Steering Committee for the National Plenum. The following Chairmen were elected and served on this Steering Committee:

"PAUL AULT, from Williamsport
KENNY BRUTON, from New York
AL BETHENCOURT, from Chicago
RUSSELL GILL, from Philadelphia

"As Cleveland was late in arriving, they never did elect a Chairman. JOE DOUGHER and ARMANDO ROMAN, as National Officers of the POC, were also members of the Plenum Steering Committee.

"The Steering Committee then met and picked a Chairman for the Plenum for the sessions on September 5, 1959. PAUL AULT was elected to chair the afternoon session, and AL BETHENCOURT was selected to chair the evening session.

"ARMANDO ROMAN then spoke and gave the Plenum Report of the POC. He reviewed the report of the 21st Congress, Communist Party, Soviet Union, and then reviewed the work of the POC during the past year. He was extremely critical of the present leaders of the Communist Party USA and he discussed the internal troubles of the POC during the past year. This related to [redacted] and the several individuals who were expelled with him from the POC. ROMAN stated that [redacted] had reapplied for admission to the Communist Party USA. ROMAN gave the theme of the POC for the coming year as being that of outward movement in all areas. He stated, 'We must go outward and recruit new people, not restrict our efforts to present and former members of the Communist Party.' He stated that the POC must move outward in mass work and finally indicated that the POC as an organization is here to stay.

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"After this, each area gave a brief report on the activities in its territory. The Chicago area report was given by [redacted]. She said that POC activities in Chicago were very good, particularly in regard to youth. She indicated the members have been passing out leaflets and utilizing the 'Vanguard' in developing contacts. They have been conducting activities on both the housing and labor fronts. The individuals in the youth movement have been assisting the POC members in leaflet distribution and in talking to people in order to develop contacts.

[redacted] then gave the report for New York. She discussed the activities of the New York POC during the past year, stressing the actions they have taken in housing and water front distributions of the Marxist-Leninist 'Vanguard' and the pamphlet 'North Star.' She said that the 'North Star' is being placed in ships and is even being mailed to some ships. She then distributed

"copies of the 'North Star' to the Chicago and Philadelphia Delegations for distribution on the water fronts of these cities. She reported that in New York there has been very little activity in regard to the youth and that this is the big weakness of the New York POC. She reported that the New York POC has been very active in working for the Jo Ann Santiago Defense Committee.

"FLORENCE DOUGHER discussed the utilization of the 'Vanguard' in water front distributions and the youth movement in Philadelphia. She pointed out that Philadelphia has an individual responsible for finances in the area and that Marxist-Leninist educational classes are being conducted.

"A recess was then held from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and food was brought in for those in attendance.

"The Plenum resumed with AL BETHENCOURT taking over as Chairman. ARNOLD CREASY then gave the report from the Williamsport, Pennsylvania, area. He indicated that the POC members were having difficulty in this area, as the Federal Bureau of Investigation has alerted everyone and the members are known everywhere they go. He then spoke briefly on the current steel strike and its effect on Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

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[redacted] the New York [redacted] of the POC, then gave a report on education. He stated that they are now holding classes twice a month which are mandatory for all members. Basic classes in Marxism-Leninism are being held, as well as advanced classes in Marxism-Leninism. Classes in Spanish for Spanish-speaking members are also being held. He also indicated that the New York educational activity extended to the preparation of leaflets for sale and distribution.

"HAROLD ALLEN, who was introduced as HAROLD PENN, was the next speaker and gave the POC National Committee report on the Negro question. ALLEN, in his report, indicated that the position of the POC is that the Negro in the South constitutes a separate nation and these

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"Negroes should have the right to self-determination in this regard. He also stated without giving names or details that some comrades had visited the South and have made good progress there for the POC.

[redacted] then spoke and suggested that an educational fund be set up to be called the LENNY-ROY Educational Fund in honor of the POC members who had died during the past year. She said that \$200 had been given for this purpose and gave some indication that this may have been donated by the wives of LENNY FREUND and ROY PLEASANT from the insurance received on their deaths. The Plenum approved the setting up of this educational fund. It will be used for the purpose of educating all members of the POC in Marxism-Leninism."

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Agent's Comments:

The following are believed to be the individuals referred to in the Informant's statement:

NONA - NONA BLACK
MAYSONET- JORGE MAYSONET
OJEDA - FELIX OJEDA
[redacted] - TED ALLEN

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SAC, NEWARK (100-41019)

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Source:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LOTTIE and DAVE
GORDON, 28 Bock Avenue, Newark,
New Jersey

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Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date Furnished: 8/20/59

Location: 100-4284-9Y-30, pages 88-90

On September 16, 1959, [REDACTED] who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised that LOTTIE
GORDON was at that time Organizational Secretary of the
New Jersey CP and a member of the State Board and State
Committee of the New Jersey CP.

On May 28, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that DAVE GORDON was
at that time a member of the Essex County Committee of
the New Jersey CP.

Among the items supplied by [REDACTED] appeared a
letter dated March 27, 1959, which read as follows:

"Dear Comrades:

"We believe that this picture of the Illinois
breakdown for The Worker circulation drive will be helpful
in several ways.

"Comradely,

Bob Thompson
Wm. L. Patterson"

2 Chicago (Encl. 1) (REG. MAIL)
4 New York (100-4931) (REG. MAIL)
 (1 100-) (BOB THOMPSON)
 (1 100-) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
 (1 100-) ("THE WORKER")
2 Newark
[REDACTED]

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J. Walter [Signature]

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Attached to this letter was a report captioned "1959 ILLINOIS WORKER CIRCULATION GOALS, Section-by-Section, Month-by-Month Subscription Targets based on Renewals and Proposals for New Subscriptions (\$1, \$2 or \$3.50 subs)." This report reflected that Illinois' objective was over 1,000 subscriptions by January 1. The report gives a detailed tabulation of the renewals and new subscriptions in the various Illinois sections. The final totals are reflected as 854 renewals and 306 new subscriptions.

A copy of the above-mentioned letter and report is being attached to the original letter to Chicago.

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1. Peace
2. Defense of labor's rights
3. The Negro liberation movement
4. Youth
5. Strengthening Party clubs;
building "The Worker"

The letter states that discussion of the above questions is beginning in preparation for the 17th national convention scheduled in November. The letter was concluded by stating that it should be read at the next meeting of the club, and discussion of the issues should be related to the problems in the shop and community.

The above-mentioned letter bore a penciled notation in the top left-hand corner - "Hudson".

A copy of the above-mentioned letter is being attached to the original letter to New York.

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A LETTER TO ALL PARTY CLUBS

May 25, 1959

Dear Comrades:

On behalf of the National Executive Committee of our Party, we write to call your attention to five important areas of concern to the people of our country and hence to our Party. We present these as key questions to which the present activities of your club should be related, and further activities developed in those forms most suitable to your area of work.

These five issues are:

I. PEACE -- Of crucial importance is the settling of the Berlin question. Preliminary steps are now being discussed at the meeting of foreign ministers in Geneva, but this must be followed by a summit meeting. Continued actions in support of such a meeting are therefore vital. In relation to this, the fight to end H-bomb tests should also be stepped up.

II. DEFENSE OF LABOR'S RIGHTS -- The Kennedy-Ervin bill now before Congress is a most dangerous measure, aimed at bringing the labor movement under closer government control and further destroying its independence. It has already passed the Senate and is now before the House. Many sections of the labor movement have expressed opposition to the bill. This opposition is mounting, but is far from adequate. Progressives should not only join the existing opposition, but take the initiative in working to solidify and extend it through both trade union and community action.

Steel negotiations are now in progress, with the steel corporations using every means to defeat the workers' demands for higher wages and shorter hours. This fight, which seems likely to lead to a strike in steel, is the vital concern of all workers, and everything possible should be done to build solidarity and support for the steel workers.

Despite government-inspired optimistic announcements, the problem of unemployment is still very much with us. The main point of concentration remains the movement for the 30-hour week. Attention should be given to the fight for improvements in the unemployment compensation set-up, and to other measures for the benefit of the unemployed.

III. THE NEGRO LIBERATION MOVEMENT -- The brutal lynching of Mack Charles Parker in Mississippi cannot go unanswered. The lynchers must be apprehended and punished as they deserve. The good initial response of the Party should be continued, accompanied by intensified action for passage of the Douglas-Celler civil rights bill now before Congress.

Following the overwhelming success of the Youth March on Washington, the school integration struggle is moving into its next phase. The Party should give full support to the follow-up program of action adopted in Washington, and to all political and organizational developments growing out of the March.

IV. YOUTH -- The National Committee devoted much attention to the long-neglected field of youth work at its last meeting. The report presented by Comrade Ry Loner will appear in the June issue of Political Affairs. Particular attention should be paid to increasing participation in mass struggles in connection with school integration, the peace movement and the fight for jobs.

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V. STRENGTHENING PARTY CLUBS; BUILDING THE WORKER -- The activities of the Party, limited though they are, have helped to spur initiative on many issues. To strengthen its work, it is necessary to give particular attention to the Party club and its work. The rebuilding of the Party means rebuilding clubs. Bringing back former members means bringing them back into functioning, active clubs. The entire Party, from the existing clubs up, should devote itself to strengthening the Party clubs and multiplying their number. Every club should examine and discuss its approach to former members with the object of bringing them into the Party and in many instances to join their support for the Fund Drive and in other activities.

We are in the midst of a Fund Drive to help assure the continued existence and expansion of the Worker, as well as to raise funds for the work of the Party. The drive, which started in April, has not yet found adequate response. Except in a few districts, the amounts raised are small. We urge every club to examine its own work in the drive and to take whatever steps are necessary to assure a rapid change. A special effort must be made to reach out beyond our own circles.

We are discussing the above questions as we begin preparations for our 17th National Convention, scheduled to take place in November. Two years have passed since the last convention, short in the life of a political party, but they were decisive. Those who tried to dissolve our Party failed. We should enter the coming convention with the kind of review of the past period which will help further to advance our movement and strengthen the Party.

We will be discussing vital national questions which millions of others will also be talking about, because our convention coincides with the opening of the campaign for the 1960 elections. What better way to discuss such questions than in the light of living experience--of increased activities in every Party organization?

This fall we will also celebrate the fortieth anniversary of our Party-- forty stormy years in which the life of our Party has been closely interwoven with all the major developments in the life of our country. No great issue can be mentioned of which the Communists have not been a part. This anniversary should be the occasion for looking ahead, for strengthening and building the Party to meet the tasks of the future.

We are sure that many of the questions raised above have been discussed in your club. And no doubt many of you have accumulated experiences which can help the whole Party. We propose that you read this letter at your next meeting and that you discuss these issues as they are related to the problems in your shop and community. We also want you to share your experiences with the rest of the Party. Please let us have your ideas on how best to approach these questions or others which concern your club.

Cordially yours,

Phil Hart

National Organizational Secretary
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603C42) DATE: 10/5/59
 FROM : SA JAMES J. JOHNSTON (#425)
 SUBJECT: CP, USA NEW YORK DISTRICT,
 NEW YORK DIVISION
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On 9/17/59, NY 2358-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a conversation took place in CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, on that date.

The informant indicated that those participating in this discussion were EVELYN WIENER, JACK SHULMAN, RUTH ROBERTS, SOPHIE LILLARD and TED from Harlem.

The informant indicated that the following discussion took place:

WIENER stated that there were two points for discussion, namely the preparation for discussion and the convention which was coming up. She stated that the pre-convention discussions should also cover juvenile delinquency and felt that those present should go out to the groups (clubs) and listen to their pre-convention discussion. WIENER said that the 17th

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 1-New York (100-26603C1219) (CP Washington Heights Section)
 1-New York (100-26603C166) (CP LES Section)
 1-New York (100-26603C1867) (CP Greenwich Village Section)
 1-New York (100-26603C1920) (UWS Section)
 1-New York (100-54555) (EVELYN WIENER)
 1-New York (100-67234) (RUTH ROBERTS)
 1-New York (100-111666) (JACK SHULMAN)
 1-New York (100-88013) (SOPHIE LILLARD)
 1-New York (100-9369) (TED BASSETT)
 1-New York (100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK)
 1-New York (100-26776) (CHARLES DIRBA)
 1-New York (100-66715) (SHEVRA WOOL)
 1-New York (100-55621) (ESTHER GOLLOBIN)
 1-New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY)
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National Convention of the CP, USA would take place on 12/10-13/59, and that pre-convention discussions were to be held over September 10th. She said that there was a proposal that the clubs hold weekly meetings and that each county should hold a functionary meeting to open the pre-convention discussion. All club resolutions must be sent to the State Convention Arrangements Committee by November 15.

WIENER said that to have proper representation at the State Convention their county should use the month of October to collect dues and should make November 1 the deadline for turning in dues to be counted. She said that the State Convention would take place on 11/28-29 and that the basis for representation would be one delegate for every fifteen members except in concentration areas such as Buffalo, Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant which would have two delegates for every fifteen members.

WIENER said that the County Convention would take place on 11/6-8 or 11/13-15/59, and that the clubs should elect delegates to the County Convention on the basis of one delegate for every five members.

WIENER said that five committees were recommended by the State Board and that it was agreed that every State Committee member be a member of a committee. She said the following committees had been set up: Resolutions, Organization and Structure, Press, Convention, Leadership and Audit.

WIENER said (presumably referring to the State Board) that BETTY was Chairman of the Resolution Committee and PAUL was Secretary. MILTON was Secretary of Organization and Structure with WIENER and RUTH ROBERTS also members. PAT

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was Chairman of the Press Committee with MINNIE as Secretary and IRV as a member. ESTHER was Chairman of the Convention Arrangements Committee, DAVE was Secretary and JEAN WARD (PH) was a member. JIM was Chairman of the Leadership and Cadre Committee, ROBERT was Secretary and MILLIE was a member. The Audit Committee was made up of HY, LOUIS WEINSTOCK and CHARLIE DIRBA.

WIENER stated that she felt the sections should meet every week and that after discussion it was felt that some sections should and some needn't. She stated that JACK and SOPHIE were responsible for Washington Heights. The Lower East Side, Village, Upper East Side and Upper West Side were uncovered. WIENER said she felt that she should concentrate on the Lower East Side.

The Informant indicated that discussion on representation issues resulted in agreement to have one delegate to the State Convention for every fifteen members and that this representation would be doubled in concentration areas.

WIENER stated that she felt that she, RUTH, SOPHIE and others could get together to discuss various county committees and that she and SHULMAN are opposed to JIM TORMEY being Chairman of the Leadership Committee since he is a person who has not been around the State Organization for the last two or three years.

The informant indicated that those present agreed that WIENER should be Chairman of this committee (Leadership) and that if they can not get WIENER as Chairman, MILTON, but not TORMEY, would be considered.

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According to the informant, a discussion was then held concerning the strengthening of the committee with SOPHIE on Organization and Structure, TED on Resolutions, SHULMAN and WIENER on Leadership and SHEVRA (possibly WOOL), who is a Section Organizer, on Organization and Structure. The informant indicated that JOANA (PH) was mentioned for the Press Committee and those present agreed with attempting to get these people on the State Convention committees.

The informant further indicated that WIENER stated that she had \$100 that had been turned in that day for the fund drive on behalf of Harlem and that this money had been given to her by one BETH. WIENER stated further that ESTHER (possibly GOLLOBIN) was working on the Lower East Side.

The informant indicated that it was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 10/18/59, and that they agreed to meet on the following Monday at 12:45 p.m. No places were mentioned for these meetings.

The statements in parentheses are the opinions of the reporting agent and are not to be construed as positive identification.

In the event the aforementioned information is utilized in a report, it should be suitably paraphrased to protect the identity of the informant.

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Reurairtel to Director, 9/8/59, in which it is reported [redacted] on 9/8/59 described PETTIS PERRY as chairman of the CP Negro Affairs Commission for 11 Western States. It is requested that this source identify the remaining members of this commission as well as the states in which the commission operates or has jurisdiction.

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 - (1- 100-4963) (PETTIS PERRY)
 - (1- 100- CP, USA-Organization)
- 1- New York (100-80640) (CP, USA-Negro Question) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80641) (CP, USA-Organization) (415)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-25)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1763)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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OO: New York

DATE: OCT 5 1959

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, cc New York and San Francisco, dated 9/8/59.

Attention is directed to referenced airtel concerning a series of Communist Party (CP) informal conferences and interviews regarding Negro matters in California, scheduled to commence at San Francisco, California on September 9, 1959.

[redacted] furnished orally on September 30, 1959, the following information to SA WILLIAM P. SHEEHAN:

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(1) Interview with HARRY BRIDGES, Head of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, did not materialize. BRIDGES reported informed the CP leaders that he was unable to meet with them at this time and deferred such a meeting to a later date, possibly at Los Angeles, California. The CP leaders, namely PETTIS PERRY of Los Angeles, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA and Chairman of the CP Negro Affairs Commission for 11 western states; and MICKEY LIMA of San Francisco, California, also a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, desired to discuss racial discrimination in the ILWU and in the Teamsters Union.

On September 10, 1959, MICKEY LIMA referred in his conversations to the close ties that exist between the CP and HARRY

- 4 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-372162) [redacted]
- 2 - San Francisco (100-11889) (Info) (REGISTERED)
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- 2 - Birmingham (Info) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Mobile (Info) (REGISTERED)
- 13 - Los Angeles

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1 cc 100-80864 (CPUSA - Religion)

- [redacted]
- (1 - 100-56651) [redacted]
- (1 - 100-4963) (PETTIS PERRY)
- (1 - 100-24416) (IDA KINNEY)
- (1 - 100-7658) (ILWU)
- (1 - 100-7483) (NUMCS)
- (1 - 100-17375) (SWP)
- (1 - 100-5589) (NAACP)
- (1 - 100-24345) (Negro Question)
- (1 - 100-24842) [redacted]
- (1 - 100-32506) [redacted]
- (1 - 100-40505) (ERNEST SMITH)

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BRIDGES. There was no discussion concerning the employment by the ILWU of members of the Negro race who were formerly employed by the now defunct National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards.

(2) During the Baptist Convention (Negro) at San Francisco in September, 1959, PETTIS PERRY set up a headquarters in the Powell Hotel, San Francisco for the purpose of conducting "back stage" work during this convention. PERRY praised the work of IDA KINNEY of the Los Angeles area who was active on the floor of the convention and carrying out the directions of PETTIS PERRY. For the information of the Birmingham and Mobile Offices, PERRY particularly praised the Alabama delegation to the Baptist Convention and stated he was in the process of developing important contacts in this delegation. PERRY, in his remarks, was highly critical of the Negro comrades who had left the Baptist Church and who had joined the Unitarian Church. PERRY indicated that these Negro comrades could have made considerable progress if they had remained in the Baptist Church.

(3) In view of the attention given to the Baptist Convention, no arrangements were made for an interview with H. FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, San Francisco Attorney and West Coast Director of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People. PERRY stated that he would continue to urge stronger participation of the CP in the matters of the NAACP so that the Socialist Workers Party would not gain control or position of influence.

(4) Concerning the all-Negro Labor Council proposed by A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH, Head of the Sleeping Car Porters, PERRY stated that the meeting of this group would be held on December 15, 1959 at New York City. PERRY stated that he will propose to the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP) that the following Negro comrades of the Los Angeles area attend this meeting, namely [redacted], ERNEST SMITH, [redacted] and [redacted]

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Detailed information concerning the above conferences has been furnished to the San Francisco Office by channelized memorandums, dated September 30, 1959 entitled, one "People's World and two, Southern California District Communist Party.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931) (415)

DATE: 10/6/59

FROM : SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON (42)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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On 9/29/59, [redacted] (conceal), who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON with the following exhibit which is located in the indicated location:

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100-4913-1A763: A copy of the song "Horizons of the Future" which the PSI purchased at the 40th anniversary rally of the CP, USA at Carnegie Hall on 9/25/59.

1 - New York [redacted] (INV.) (42)
1 - New York (100-4931) (415)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1931) (#421)

DATE: 10/6/59

FROM : SA EDWARD G. ASTFALK (#421)

SUBJECT: EAST BRONX SECTION
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1 - New York [redacted] INV) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-26603-C40) (BRONX COUNTY CP) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-128314-C) (BRONX COUNTY CP FUNDS) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-8902 [redacted] (#421)
 1 - New York (122-702) [redacted] (#413)
 1 - New York (100- [redacted] (LORRAINE BROWN) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-5864) (EARL ROBINSON) (#422)
 1 - New York (100-133594) (FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE) (#41)
 1 - New York (100-128816) (CP, USA - NATIONAL GROUPS) (#416)
 1 - New York (100-128821) (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM) (#416)
 1 - New York (100-136813) (FANNY FRIEDMAN) (#421)
 1 - New York (100-71043) [redacted] (#421)
 1 - New York (100-89179) [redacted] (#421)
 1 - New York (100-108992) [redacted] (#421)
 1 - New York (100-133566) [redacted] (#421)
 1 - New York (100-135246) [redacted] (#421)
 1 - New York (100-136709) [redacted] (#421)
 1 - New York (100-99195) [redacted] (#421)
 1 - New York (100-62881) [redacted] (#421)
 1 - New York (100-106044) (GAIL DAVIDOW) (#421)
 1 - New York (97-169) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (#415)
 1 - New York (100-4931) (CP, USA) (#415)
 1 - New York (100-78545) (DAVID BROWN) (#425)
 1 - New York (100-118525) (BCLC) (#41)
 1 - New York (100-94930) [redacted] (#422)
 1 - New York (100-60640) (HAROLD COLLINS) (#422)
 1 - New York (100-26603) (CP, NYS) (#416)
 1 - New York (100-128814) (CP, NYS - ORGANIZATION) (#416)
 1 - New York (100-17923) (JOHN GAGES) (#415)
 1 - New York (100-135535) [redacted] (#421)
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Date Received

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SA EDWARD G. ASTFALK (written)

Original Located

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A copy of informant's report follows:

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September 24, 1959

Report of a regular Communist Party (CP) Club meeting on Tuesday evening. [redacted] at the apartment of [redacted]

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The following CP members were present: [redacted]

Prior to the start of the meeting, [redacted] collected \$75. for the birthday gift; considered as the club's contribution toward the fund drive. [redacted] gave \$10. [redacted] who is always referred to as [redacted] gave \$10. [redacted] gave \$10; [redacted] gave \$10, [redacted] \$10, [redacted] \$10, [redacted] \$5, [redacted] \$5, and [redacted] \$5. [redacted] gave [redacted] \$7 for new "subs" for the Worker. This money was for [redacted] and [redacted] renewals. [redacted] gave [redacted] the \$75 and [redacted] in turn put it in a special envelope with the words "Birthday Gift" written on the front side of the envelope.

[redacted] also sold two tickets to the 40th Anniversary affair of the CP to [redacted]

Also, prior to the meeting, [redacted] was not present, [redacted] stated that DAVE BROWN and [redacted] had suggested to her the possible CP membership of LORRAINE BROWN. [redacted] asked those present for their thoughts on the matter. [redacted] was opposed for the time being because he stated that he did not know enough about her. [redacted] replied that DAVE BROWN and [redacted] vouched for her.

[redacted] suggested that the club have an open CP meeting and invite LORRAINE, and, at that time, the members could ascertain her views on various ideas. BELLA stated that they could also extend an invitation to others.

[redacted] told [redacted] that the club members had discussed CP membership for [redacted] for eight months before

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they decided to accept him. She stated that there would be some discussion on LORRAINE if it was decided to think about her becoming a CP member.

[] told [] that she [] was a party member 9 months before [] became a member.

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Also, prior to the meeting, [] told [] that EARL ROBINSON would play at the Bronx Committee for Civil Liberties (BCLC) affair for HUBERT T. DELANEY on 11/5/59 (Thursday). Previously [] had told [] that EARL ROBINSON wouldn't play because he would have been in Germany. Now, she said, EARL will go to Germany the day after the affair.

The only item on the agenda was a report by [] on pre-convention discussions and their importance.

Before [] arrived, [] reported that she had attended the Section Committee meeting (East Bronx Section) on Thursday evening and, at that meeting, there was discussed the possibility of having a class in Marxism in the Bronx comparable to the classes at the Faculty of Social Science. The Section Committee wanted to know, she said, just how many people were in favor of the classes [] polled the members and all present indicated their desire to attend Marxist classes in the Bronx. [] stated that the classes would probably be held in someone's home. She also stated that HAROLD COLLINS of the Faculty of Social Science would be present at the next Section Committee meeting in order to discuss the possibility of holding classes in the Bronx.

[] also reported that an Eastern Conference of the CP would be held Sept. 27-28 (Sat. & Sun.) She didn't state where it was to be held. However, she said that [] will be a delegate [] said that she would go on Saturday, and that [] would be a delegate on Sunday.

[] began her report by stating that the Bronx County Convention of the CP will be held on November 13th and 14th, 1959;

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the N.Y. State Convention (CP) on November 27 through 29, and the National Convention (CP) on Dec. 10th thru 13th, 1959. She did not say just where these conventions would be held.

[] said that it has been decided to base Section representation to the County Convention on the basis of 1 delegate for every 5 club members who are paid up to October 1, 1959. [] reported that as of last Wednesday's, 9/16/59, County Committee meeting (CP) it was stated that the East Bronx Section has 53 members. The East Bronx Section includes she said, the Claremont or Prospect Club. To her, the words Claremont and Prospect in reference to her club are synonyms. [] said that in the East Bronx Section there are six clubs, two of which are "concentration" clubs. She identified the "concentration" clubs as the Hungarian Club and the Puerto Rican Club.

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[] also reported that there would be no Section Convention meeting this time. A Section Convention, she stated is the same as a Section membership meeting.

[] stated that there is a great deal of disagreement over the basis for delegate representation for the coming State and National Conventions. [] was very critical of the Bronx County leadership. She did not identify any one person or persons. She referred to the County Committee as being a bureaucratic body. Her sentiments were indorsed by [] and []

It appeared, according to [] that the County leadership was inflexible on the question of dues paying members relative to delegate representation at the Conventions. She stated that the County Committee wanted delegate representation to the County Convention on the basis of 1 delegate for every 15 members. [] stated that two years ago that formula would be more than satisfactory because then there were over 300 CP members in the East Bronx Section.

She also stated that it was disclosed at that County Committee meeting that the East Bronx Section should have had a total of 600 some odd dues payments but have only submitted

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a little over 200. [] stated that it would be impossible to make up that deficit by October 1 therefore a proposal should be made that would be realistic relative to making up the dues shortages. Later on, it was proposed by [] and passed by the members that instead of going back 1 whole year in dues payments in order to make members paid up-to-date in order to count them for delegate representation; that January, 1959 to Oct 1, 1959 would be the period for delinquent members to pay their dues.

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Meanwhile [] was relating to [] and [] that she had had a very busy past week. She told them that Tuesday was the club meeting at her house. Wednesday she had the County Committee meeting at her house; Thursday she had the Section Committee meeting at her house. She told them that next year she would be a member of her Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) _

[] sympathized with her stating that he knew what she was going through because she had been active in CP affairs in the Bronx since 1937. Previously, [] had told [] that he had []

[] explained that at State Committee meetings there were discussions on disbanding County Committees and, in its place, a Council, similar to a City Council would be created. Each section in the City, she said would be represented by 1 person. She said that she was in favor of this proposed plan. [] said that she was in favor of it, and [] indicated his support of it. They all agreed that there was no need for a County Committee at the present time.

Later on [] told [] and [] that in her opinion there was nothing but "jerks" at Section Committee meetings and on the County Committee. She was very critical of the County Organizer.

During her report, [] had stated that at one time she [] was County Organizational Secretary and a

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member of the Section Committee. It is felt that she held these within the last 3 or 4 years.

[redacted] in their explanations, mainly for the new CP members, as they said, [redacted] stated that the pre-convention discussions on Draft Resolutions and the Convention were the highest examples of democracy at work.

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The last point discussed was the proposed club vote on a referendum submitted by the National Committee of the CP. The referendum had to do with a section of the CP constitution relative to the nomination and election of CP members to the National Committee.

The National Committee through the referendum, [redacted] explained, wants the clubs to vote yes or no on the proposed change. As it now stands, [redacted] stated, National Committee members were selected at State Conventions and then elected at the National Convention before the "line" was established. This method, she said, was unworkable because individuals were elected to the National Committee who could or would carry out the "line"; or who for security reasons could accept the election to the National Committee. These, she said, were only some of the reasons for wanting a change in the CP Constitution.

[redacted] went on to explain that the National Committee at the last National Convention was mainly selected from New York. This she said, was not readily and happily accepted by other sections (CP) throughout the country. She said that this change would prevent a JOHN GATES from running the party.

Also, [redacted] stated, this would give all districts of the CP throughout the United States a more equitable representation on the National Committee. She said that at present there are around 60 members of the National Committee. It was her feeling that this was too many.

She said that she felt that the referendum would have the effect of placing on the National Committee people who

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were conversant in the area for which they were elected to the Committee. She gave as an example the industrial area of Ohio. She said that there could now be placed on the National Committee, as a result of this referendum a representative from the industrial area of Ohio, not, she said, as it is now. She said that now someone in New York who does not know anything about industry or the industrial field would handle the industrial area on the National Committee. This, she said, is detrimental to the party's work in that area.

In concluding [] said that she attended the last National Convention of the CP and wants to go again and to all the other conventions.

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The Claremont Club voted in favor of changing the Constitution by favoring the referendum submitted by the National Committee. [] abstained.

[] reported that [] was the only club member behind in his dues. She also said that RONNIE MERRITT is still a member. FANNY FREEDMAN she said is sick.

[] proposed that [] lead the discussion next Tuesday evening, 9/29/59. The meeting will be held at []

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TO SACS, NEW YORK AND NEWARK

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ADVISED TODAY THAT WILLIAM L. PATTERSON CONTACTED THOMAS NABRIED,
CPEDPD DISTRICT CHARMAN, REQUESTING NABRIED TO TAKE FIVE HUNDRED COPIES
THE WORKER TO ATLANTIC CITY, NJ, FOR DISTRIBUTION AT UAW CONVENTION
BY BILLY ALLEN, WHO IS THERE. NABRIED COULD NOT GO. PATTERSON SAID
HE WOULD CALL PAT TOOHEY AND ASK HIM TO HANDLE.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
201 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

October 9, 1959

[Redacted] Agent

New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear [Redacted]

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you furnish listings for the following telephone numbers:

Fieldstone 3-5241

Your personal attention in protecting the confidential nature of our inquiry in this matter is greatly appreciated and I wish to express my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

H. G. Foster

H.G. FOSTER
Special Agent in Charge

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Description of Info

40th Anniversary Celebration, CP,
USA, 9/25/59

Date Received

10/5/59

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Original Located

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A copy of informant's report follows:

- 1 - Boston (100-16707) (SCOTT NEARING) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-23521) (FRANK E. ALEXANDER) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-1693) (ELIZABETH G. FLYNN) (#415)
- 1 - New York [redacted] (INV) (#423)
- 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-2520) (SCOTT NEARING) (#412)
- 1 - New York (100-105143) (FRANK ALEXANDER) (#412)
- 1 - New York (100-134505) (7TH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL) (#41)
- 1 - New York (100-23825) (EEN DAVIS) (#416)
- 1 - New York (100-4931) (#415)

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September 29th, 1959.

Attended 40th, Anniversary Rally, held by Communist Party, at Carnegie Hall, Friday September 25, 1959. Arrived about 8:30 P.M., the Hall being darkened for showing of the Picture "Horizons of the Future", this consisted of slides showing the History of the Communist Party and was narrated by a lady. Mrs GURLY FLYNN acting as Chairman for the evening, opened the Rally and after the usual remarks introduced the first speaker, EUGENE DENNIS. Next speaker was SCOTT NEARING, he was followed by a young fellow introduced as FRANK ALEXANDER, who spoke of his experience at the Youth Festival in Vienna. He concluded by singing a youth theme song "Horizons of the Future", he was also joined by a lot of teeners from the first Balcony whom also released a bunch of balloons and singing Happy Birthday, next Singers entertained on the Stage and a collection was taken up after which BENJAMIN DAVIS spoke on N.Y. Political situation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 10/16/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

SUBJECT: CP, USA.
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- 2 - Los Angeles (100-23621) (FRANK E. ALEXANDER) (RM) *(Possibly ident)*
(1-100-7905) (Possibly ALBERT MALTZ)
1 - Boston (100-16707) (SCOTT NEARING) (RM)
1 - New York [redacted] (INV) (#421)
1 - New York (100-26603) (CP, NYS) (#416)
1 - New York (100-105148) (FRANK ALEXANDER) (#412)
1 - New York (100-128314) (CP, NYS - FUNDS) (#416)
1 - New York (100-128819) (CP, NYS - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (#416)
1 - New York (100-4078) (Possibly ALBERT MALTZ) (#412)
1 - New York (100-80294) (REV. WILLIAM HOWARD MELISH) (#422)
1 - New York (100-9360) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (#415)
1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (#416)
1 - New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (#415)
1 - New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH G. FLYNN) (#415)
1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (#415)
1 - New York (100-134505) (7TH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL) (#41)
1 - New York (100-2520) (SCOTT NEARING) (#412)
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Date Received

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Description of Info

Report of celebration of 40th
Anniversary of CP, USA, at
Carnegie Hall, 9/25/59.

Received By

SA EDWARD G. ASTFALK (written)

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A copy of informant's report follows:

9-27-59

On 9/25/59 there was held at Carnegie Hall a celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Communist Party. It started 8:45 P.M. The attendance could not be estimated. The orchestra, the two rows of boxes and the first balcony were entirely filled. From the seat occupied nobody could be identified.

The festivities started with projection of still pictures of Communist leaders onto a screen on the stage. Among these FOSTER, DAVIS and BOB THOMPSON were identified. BROWDER's picture was not shown.

The dignitaries then filed onto the stage. It was noticed that some men were operating a movie camera at the stage periodically.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was the chairlady. She introduced EUGENE DENNIS who spoke briefly on the accomplishments of the C.P. since its inception. FRANK ALEXANDER, a Negro from California then spoke. He straightened out the story on the Vienna Youth Conference that the capitalistic press had distorted. As he finished, a group of youth in the first row of boxes sang "Horizon of the Future" and threw red balloons down to the orchestra.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN introduced SCOTT NEARING as a friend of the C.P. He told about his visits to The USSR and China and lauded the great accomplishments of the two socialistic countries.

Some Youths then occupied the stage and sang the International and Horizon of the Future.

A collection was then made in the guise of selling copies of the Horizon of the Future song sheet. The total collected was not announced. Manhattan CP contributed \$1100, Brooklyn CP \$880 and

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the Bronx CP \$650. FLYNN said that telegrams were received from MALTZ, the novelist and Rev. MELISH among others. A message from FOSTER was read. He praised the C.P. FLYNN stated that the members were getting old and new blood was needed. She called for the recruitment of youths and Porto Ricans. BEN DAVIS was the final speaker. He lambasted WALTER LIPPMAN. He cited LIPPMAN's article that the US had no policy but the USSR's tactics had a purpose. He criticized US foreign policy, continued segregation and Harlem schools. Praised KHRUSHCHEV, called for peace, cited the danger to health from atomic fallout, called for support of the steel strike. The creation of a great coalition of the workers, intellectuals, negroes and other minorities. He ended by calling on all friends of the C.P. to join the party. The meeting ended with Singing of Solidarity Forever.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

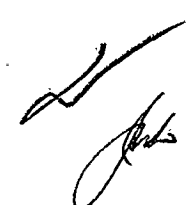
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1 - New York (100-128314-C)(BRONX COUNTY CP - FUNDS)(#421)
1 - New York (97-169)(PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)(#415)
1 - New York (100-128819)(CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)(#415)
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Report of the celebration of
the 40th Anniversary of the CP
USA at Carnegie Hall, 9/25/59

Date Received

10/1/59

Received By

SA EDWARD G. ASTFALK (written)

Original Located



A copy of informant's report follows:

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9-27-59

On 9-25-59 There was held at Carnegie Hall a celebration in honor of the 40th Anniversary of the Communist Party. The program started at about 8:45 P.M. The attendance could not be guessed at.

The only person recognized was ALBERTO PAULA.

The program started with the showing of slides with a spoken commentary showing the history of the party, and the slides showed the people who have greatly contributed to it, among these were FOSTER, BOB THOMPSON, and BEN DAVIS.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was the chairlady. She introduced EUGENE DENNIS who told about the accomplishments of the Communist Party from its beginning.

The next speaker was a young negro from California, FRANK ALEXANDER. He had attended the Vienna Youth Conference, and related what had happened there. He stated that despite what the American press had said at the time most of the American delegates to the conference cooperated with the Communist delegates, and only those who he said had been planted tried to disrupt the conference. When ALEXANDER finished speaking a group of young people who were sitting in the boxes started to sing "Horizons of the Future".

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN then introduced SCOTT NEARING as a friend of the Communist Party. He told about his visits to the socialistic countries, including the USSR and China and praised the accomplishments of these two countries. He said that China had progressed more rapidly under Communism because they had the USSR example to learn from also help with money, technicians from that country. In his talk he said that America could have become socialistic if in the 30's President ROOSEVELT had not shored up capitalism. Some young people then came on the stage and sang some songs including the International which the audience slowly joined into, and also Happy Birthday to the Communist Party.

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A collection was then taken up by selling copies of the song "Horizons of the Future". The total collected was not announced, but most of the audience did donate. Manhattan C.P. contributed \$1100., B'klyn C.P. \$800, and the Bronx C.P. \$650.

FLYNN said that many greeting were received, among them were from MALTZ, the novelist and Rev. MELISH. A message in Spanish was heard from the President of the Cuban Communist Party. FLYNN said that a translation would be in the Worker. Also the names of all the people who had sent greeting would be in the Worker. She read a message from FOSTER, which said that the fight to build the party must go on.

FLYNN said that the present members of the Communist Party were getting old, and that in ten years from now they would be still older. Therefore it was important to recruit young people into the Party.

She then introduced BEN DAVIS, who was the last speaker. He criticized US foreign policy, continued segregation and Harlem schools. He called for a creation of a great coalition of the workers, intellectuals, negroes, and other minorities. He ended his talk by calling on all friends of the Communist Party to come in and join.

The meeting ended with the singing of Solidarity Forever.

RAC, KANSAS CITY (100-5222)

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SA RICHARD H. ASH

CP, USA
MISSOURI DISTRICT
KANSAS CITY DIVISION
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On September 4, 1959, [] furnished an oral report to SA RICHARD H. ASH, which was subsequently reduced to writing and authenticated by the informant on September 18, 1959. The original of this report is located in KC file []

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This report is as follows:

"On August 31, 1959, [] contacted Eugene Johnson. At that time [] stated he has been working as a temporary employee at the Cake Box Bakery, Fairview District of Kansas City, Kansas.

"He stated the National Labor Relations Board has taken up his case involving his being discharged at the Kansas City Star. [] had reported to them the bad working conditions at the Star. He indicated through this complaint he may be able to get his job back at the Star. [] when questioned as to why he was interested in getting this job back in view of the fact he was getting only \$1.00 an hour and that at the bakery where he is now working he is getting \$2.00, stated it was not the money but the principle involved and this would give him considerable

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- 2 St. Louis (1- 100-80, USA) (1- 100-801 - BUREAU)
- 1 Kansas City (1- 100-5222 CP, USA)
(1- 100-10165 [])
(1- 100-8442 EUGENE JOHNSON)
(1- 65-251 [])
(1- 100-2014 CP - BUREAU)
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satisfaction.

"Johnson stated that as far as he was concerned they would have no more study group meetings at Johnson's home and that if [] was interested in having additional meetings he should organize them and get a place to meet. [] was of the opinion they should still have these meetings and that perhaps they could be held in the park or in some other public place.

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[] indicated he wanted the address of Red Davis in St. Louis, Missouri, because he intended to write to Davis to find out what is going on in the Communist Party. [] was of the opinion that there is some Communist Party activity being undertaken both in Kansas City and in St. Louis of which he is not aware and he feels that Davis will be able to furnish him this information.

[] offered to help Johnson in the distribution of Communist Party literature. Johnson replied he had seen [] recently and had given him a copy of 'Political Affairs.' Johnson asked [] if [] paid him for this copy and [] stated he did not. Johnson stated if Johnson was interested at all in reading this material he should be able to pay for it and in the future [] should attempt to collect for this literature.

[] had in his possession receipt No. 2122 dated August 26, 1953 indicating that \$10.00 had been received from 'Kansas Ford Drive.' Receipt was signed 'J.P.' and the address on the receipt was 23 West 20th Street, New York, New York. [] indicated this was a receipt from the National Headquarters of the Communist Party in New York for money that he had submitted for the Ford Drive."

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)

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ReBulet, 9/17/59.

The following is a list of members of the CP, USA National Committee as currently constituted, according to the latest information available from informants:

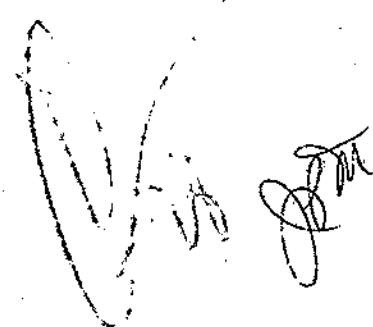
Members at Large

1. CORREA, ANNA	Colorado
2. DAVIS, BENJAMIN J., Jr.	New York
3. DENNIS, EUGENE	New York
4. DURHAM, EARL	Illinois
5. FOSTER, WILLIAM Z.	New York
6. HEALEY, DOROTHY	So. California
7. HELIZIAN, JOHN	Montana (now residing So. California)
8. JACKSON, JAMES E.	New York
9. LIGHTFOOT, CLAUDE	Illinois
10. LOMAN, CHARLES	New York
11. MITCHELL, CHARLENE	So. California
12. RICHMOND, AL	No. California
13. WINTER, CARL	Michigan

Elected by Districts

New York

1. ALDERSON, WILLIAM
2. BROWN, LLOYD LOUIS
3. COLON, JESUS
4. GERSON, SIMON
5. JOHNSTONE, JOSEPH
6. MC ADORY, MILDRED
7. ROSEN, MILTON
8. ROSENBLUTH, NAT
9. WEINSTOCK, LOUIS
10. WEINSTONE, WILLIAM



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1-New York (100-4931)

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Northern California

1. FIGUEIREDO, JOSEPH
2. LIMA, ALBERT JASON "Mickie"
3. SCHNEIDERMAN, WILLIAM

Illinois

1. HALL, FLO
2. KUSHNER, SAM
3. TURNER, RALPH
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Southern California

1. DOBES, BEN

Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware

1. TOM NABRIED
 2. FRANK FISHER
- Michigan

1. DENNIS, TOM
2. GANLEY, NAT

Ohio

1. KRCHMAREK, ANTON
2. LUIGER, HYMAN (now residing New York)

South

1. HUDSON, HOSEA
2. KALB, MARY

New England

1. Vacant

Western Pennsylvania

1. NELSON, STEVE (now residing New York)

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Maryland - Washington, D.C.

1. MEYERS, GEORGE

New Jersey

1. TOOHEY, PATRICK

Indiana

1. BLUM, EMANUEL

Wisconsin

1. SHAW, ALAN

Minnesota - Dakotas

1. SHARP, CLARENCE

Oregon

1. HAALAND, NORMAN

Rocky Mountain

1. Vacant

Washington

1. NELSON, BURT

Smith Act Subjects who Have Been Added

1. FLYNN, ELIZABETH GURLEY
2. HALL, GUS (presumed since member of NEC)
3. PERRY, PETTIS
4. STACHEL, JACK
5. THOMPSON, ROBERT
6. IRVING POTASH (presumed since member of NEC)

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It is to be noted that "Party Affairs," June, 1959, indicated a membership of 55. The foregoing list totals 52, it being recalled that ROBERT GOODWIN, the New England delegate, died on 9/26/59.

The National Executive Committee consists of the following, with their positions indicated:

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| 1. DAVIS, BENJAMIN J., Jr. | |
| 2. DENNIS, EUGENE | National Secretary |
| 3. FLYNN, ELIZABETH GURLEY | National Field Organizer |
| 4. HALL, GUS | Secretary, Midwest Coordinating Committee |
| 5. JACKSON, JAMES E. | Secretary, Negro and Southern Affairs |
| 6. KRCHHAREK, ANTON | |
| 7. LIGHTFOOT, CLAUDE | |
| 8. LIMA, ALBERT JASON "Mickie" | |
| 9. LUMER, HYMAN | National Education Director |
| 10. MEYERS, GEORGE | |
| 11. NELSON, BURT | |
| 12. IRVING POTASH | Labor Secretary |
| 13. STACHEL, JACK | |
| 14. THOMPSON, ROBERT | Executive Secretary |
| 15. WINTER, CARL | |

Women's Commission

NY 2379-S* reported on 5/1/59, that PEGGY DENNIS had informed ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN of a meeting she had had with BEN DAVIS regarding the Women's Commission. FLYNN mentioned she had suggested that ESTHER JACKSON be put in charge, but JAMES JACKSON had said it was impossible because of her work. PEGGY DENNIS then suggested that FLYNN should become Chairman of the Women's Commission, but FLYNN replied that she does not want to get involved because of the factional fights, jealousies, etc. FLYNN said they should not try to organize the Women's Commission.

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Negro Commission

[redacted] has advised on 8/20/59, that JAMES JACKSON was in contact with EARL DURHAM on 8/16 and 17/59, and on that occasion, coopted DURHAM as a member of the National Negro Commission and advised him that he expected him at the next Commission meeting in New York, and DURHAM would receive notice of all such meetings.

On 9/14/59, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated that JACKSON wanted to be relieved as "head of the Negro Commission."

No meetings of the Negro Commission are known to have taken place and the identities of members of this commission, other than as indicated above, are not known to the NYO.

As to personnel of other committees and commissions of the CP, USA, there is no additional information available beyond that set out in NY letters to Bureau, 8/29/58 and 3/5/59.